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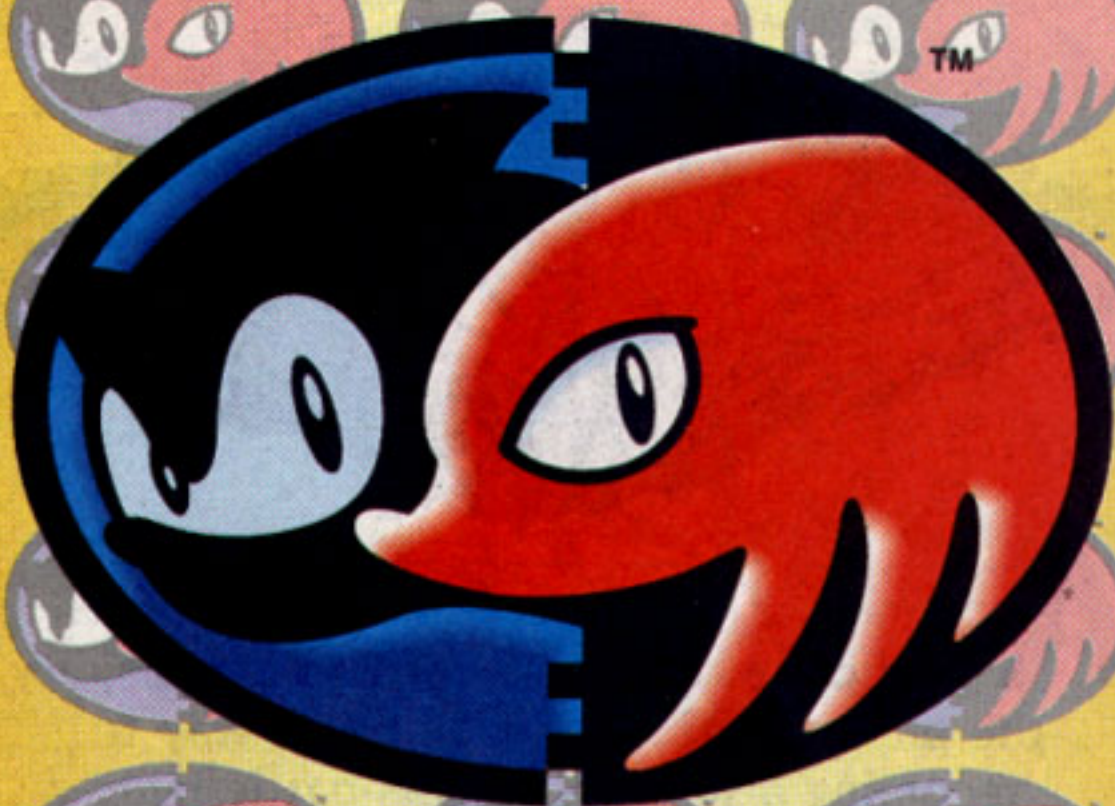
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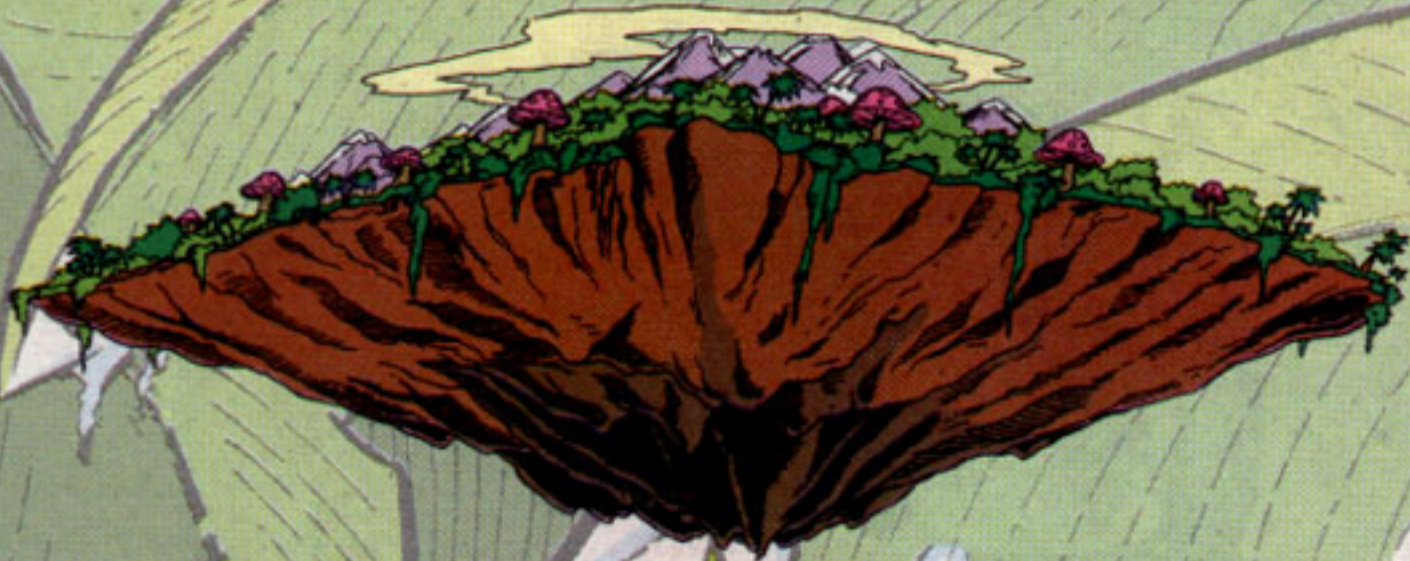
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A land once renowned for its great beauty, the planet **Mobius** is well on its way to becoming a scarred, lifeless battlefield, thanks to the relentless acts of scientific terrorism unleashed by the evil Techno-Tyrant, **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**.

In this once-serene plane, only one great natural wonder remains untouched by this utter devastation: the mysterious **Floating Island**. A mighty continent, the island is held aloft by the energy of a rare and powerful gem known as a **Chaos Emerald**. A world unto itself with its origins lost to antiquity, this sprawling multi-zoned land mass drifts lazily above the face of Mobius, existing in harmony, yet forever apart.

As enigmatic as the Floating Island is its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**. Last of an ancient, noble race, his charge is to preserve the peace, and protect the island's boundaries from the encroachment and harsh realities of the "outside world" -- a task handed down generation unto generation.

Recently host to a great battle between Dr. Robotnik and the spearhead of **Knothole Village's** resistance, **Sonic The Hedgehog**, the Floating Island again stands alone as a safe haven from the war that rages unchecked, below.

But for how long?



PROLOGUE:

THE WESTERN COAST OF
THE GREAT CONTINENT.

12:17 PM

THOUGH PRONE TO EARTH-
QUAKES, MUDSLIDES, FIRES
AND FLOODS...

...IT REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW
REGIONS ON MOBIUS TO REMAIN
UNSCARRED BY CONFLICT!

HERE, THE NATIVES CAN FROLIC
AND ROMP WITHOUT CARE!

OR AT LEAST
THEY COULD...

WYAP!

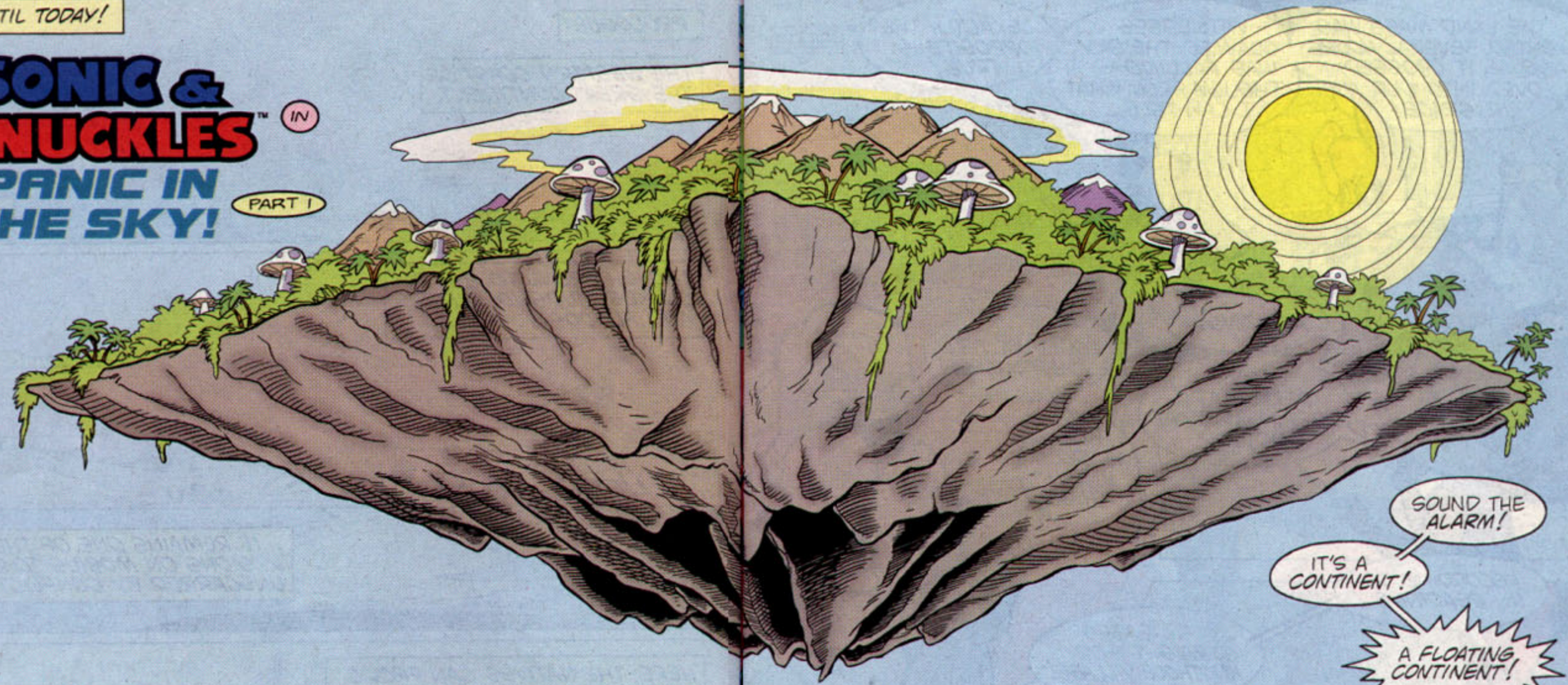
...UNTIL TODAY!

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IN

PANIC IN THE SKY!

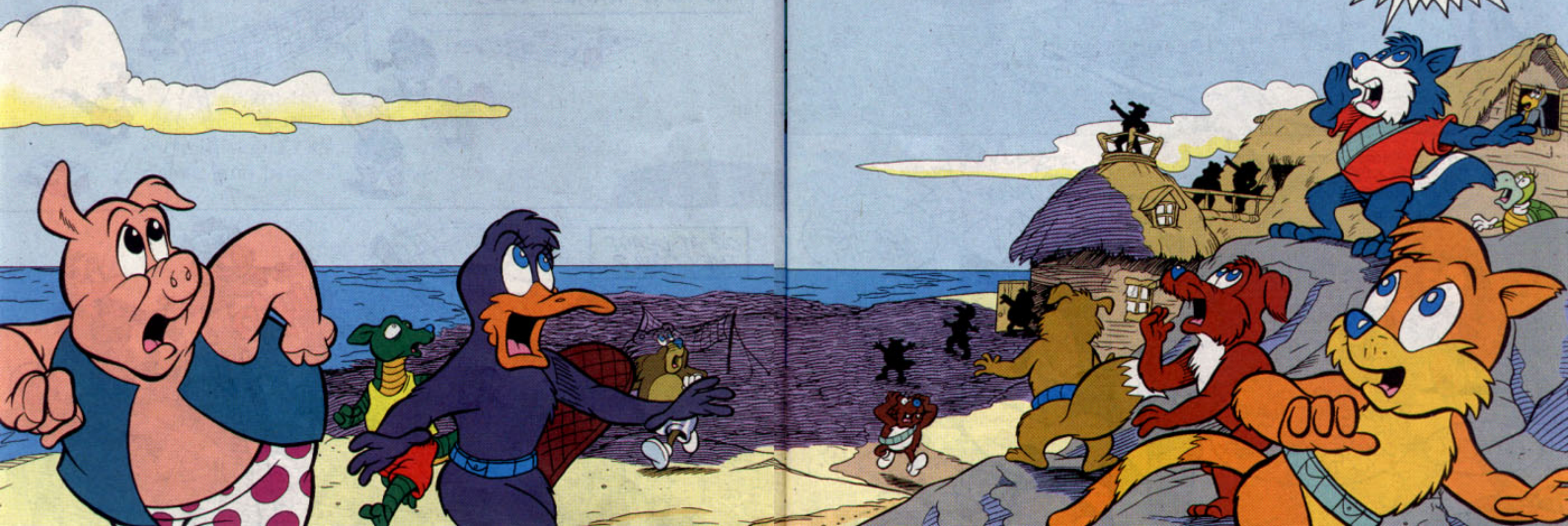
PART I



SOUND THE ALARM!

IT'S A CONTINENT!

A FLOATING CONTINENT!



...THE LAND MASS WAS SIGHTED SEVERAL HOURS AGO, AS IT CROSSED OVER INTO OUR AIR SPACE!

WITNESSES CLAIMED THE SKY WAS FALLING-- THOUGH FROM WHAT I CAN TELL...

...EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE!

1:52 PM

AMAZING!

ANY IDEA WHAT'S KEEPING IT ALOFT, ROTOR?

I COULDN'T TELL YOU, PRINCESS!

BUT I DO KNOW THIS...

ACCORDING TO MY READINGS...

...IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

BEACH

ISLAND

TAP
TAP

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

HI, GANG!
DID WE MISS ANYTHING?

PLENTY!

AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE IF YOU HAD THE COMMON COURTESY TO --

HOLY--!

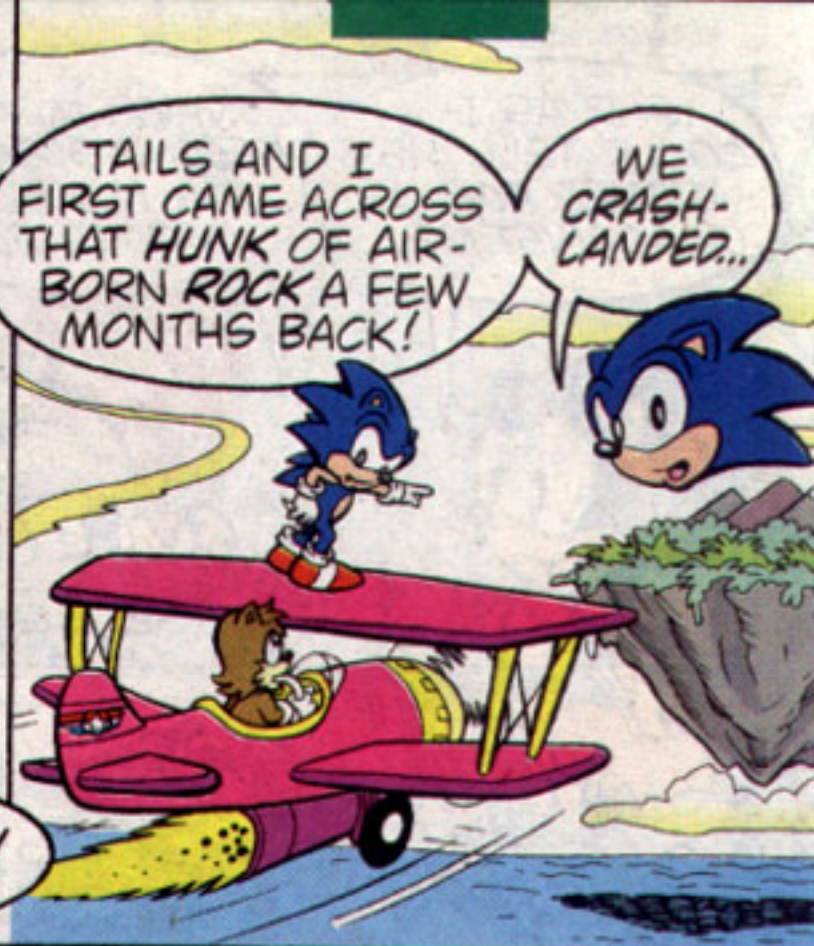
IT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND!



"FLOATING ISLAND"?
MIND FILLING US IN, GENIUS?

WHAT DO YOU TWO KNOW THAT THE REST OF US DON'T?

PLENTY!



TAILS AND I FIRST CAME ACROSS THAT HUNK OF AIR-BORN ROCK A FEW MONTHS BACK!

WE CRASH-LANDED...



...AND RAN AFOUL OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA-- GUARDIAN OF THE LOCAL CHAOS EMERALD!

THAT'S WHAT KEEPS THE ISLAND AFLOAT!



TO PUT IT MILDLY, HE TOOK AN IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND DISLIKE TO US!

BUT-- AFTER WE'D HASHED THINGS OUT A BIT...



...WE PARTED ON FRIENDLY TERMS!*

SMACK!



HMMM...

WHOSE SIDE IS THIS GUY REALLY ON?

THAT'S--HARD TO SAY, SAL! FOR AN ECHIDNA...

...HE'S ONE STRANGE DUDE!

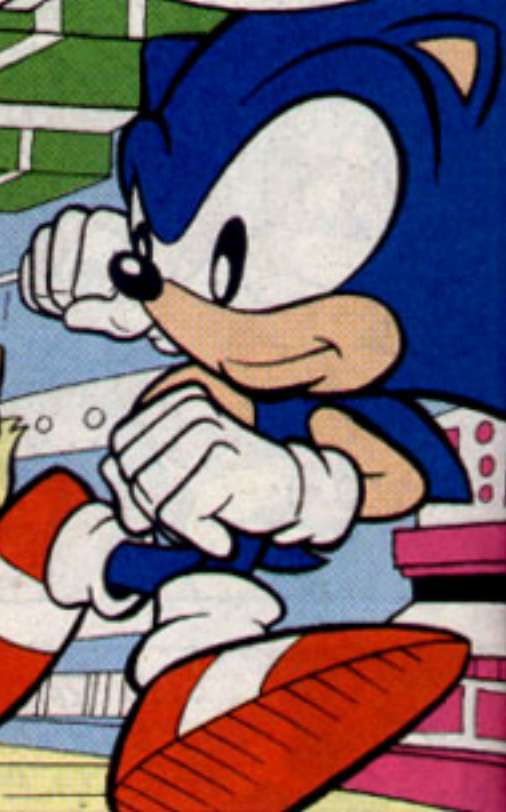
*REFER TO THE NOW CLASSIC SONIC #13, "THIS ISLAND HEDGE-HOG," FOR THE FULL STORY-- Scott

FAR AS I
COULD TELL, HE'S
NEITHER FOR US
OR AGAINST US...

...WHICH MAKES
SECOND-GUESSING
HIM ALL BUT
IMPOSSIBLE!

UNTIL HIS
INTENTIONS ARE
CLEAR, IT'S BEST
TO ASSUME THE
WORST!

ANTOINE! FLY
SONIC AND TAILS
OUT IN THE
TURBO-PROP...



"...AND LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!"

LOOK AT
ZE SIZE
OF ZAT
THEENG!



TRÈS
FANTASTIQUE!

RELAX, 'TWAN!
YOU'VE SEEN ONE
ISLAND, YOU'VE
SEEN 'EM ALL!

FROM HERE,
IT'S JUST ONE
BIG BALL OF
DIRT...



...AND WHERE'S
THE DANGER IN
THAT?

K-CHUNG!

WHRR

K-CHUKT!
K-CHUKT!

NOT WAY
COOL!

WE'RE
UNDER
ATTACK!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

ZUT
ALORS!

I THOUGHT
YOU SAID ZIS
ISLAND WAS
UNARMED!

IT WAS...

...UNTIL
NOW!

SOMETHING
NEW HAS BEEN
ADDED!

HEAVY
ARTILLERY...

...AND
ENGINES!

TAKE US
TOPSIDE, 'TWAN!
LET'S GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF
THIS!

ZE GUNS, IT SEEMS, CANNOT BE AIMED ABOVE ZE HORIZON!

I WAS COUNTING ON THAT!

GET YOURSELF AND THE TURBO-PROP BACK TO BASE...

...WE'RE GOIN' IN!

GERONIMO!!!

NEED A LIFT, SONIC?

NO THANKS, PAL...

...BEING PIGGY-BACKED IS BAD FOR MY IMAGE!

SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE LOOKING FOR, ANYWAY?

I'M NOT QUITE SURE, TAILS!

WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE FIND IT...

WHUUMPH!

...OR WHEN
IT FINDS
US!

EVERYONE
WANTS A PIECE
OF THE FLOATING
ISLAND...

...BUT ALL
THOSE TWO
ARE GONNA
GET IS A
PIECE OF
THE ROCK!

THEY'RE
BA-ACK!

I KNEW
THEY WOULD
BE SOONER
OR LATER!

HMMM...

BROBDINGNAGIAN
FUNGI.

IN
LAYMAN'S
TERMS...

... GIANT
MUSHROOMS!

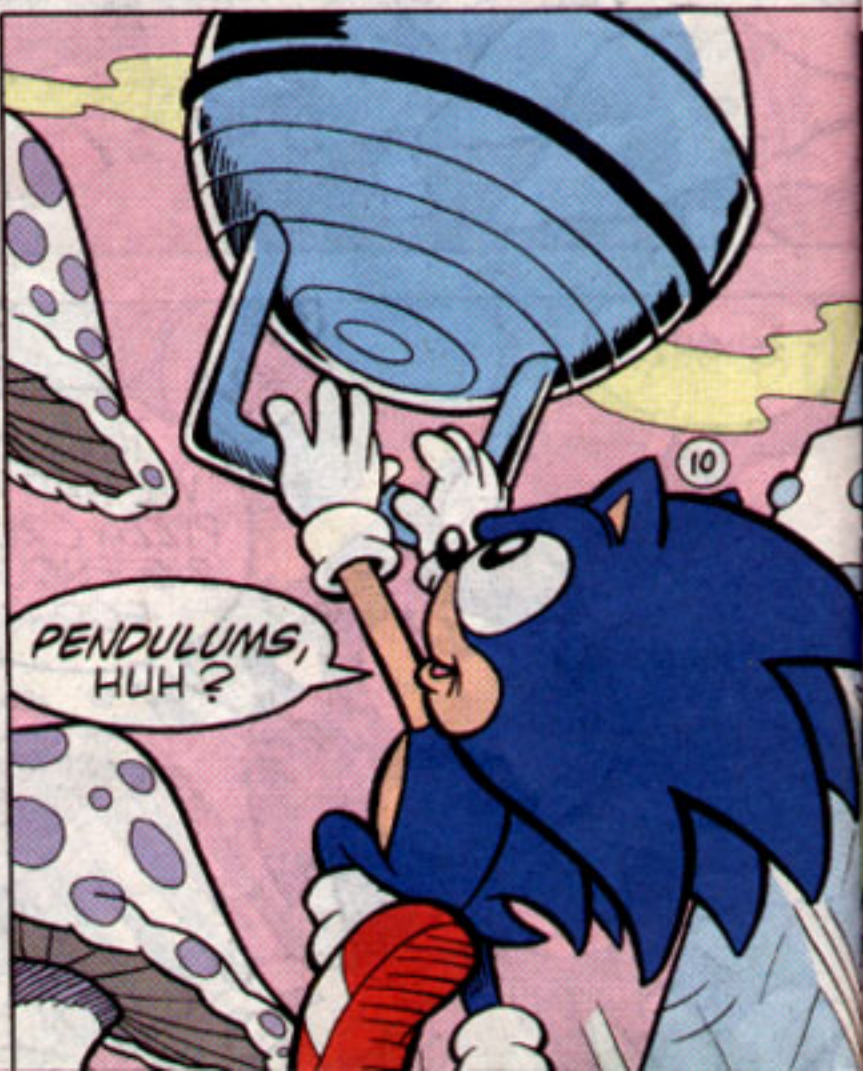
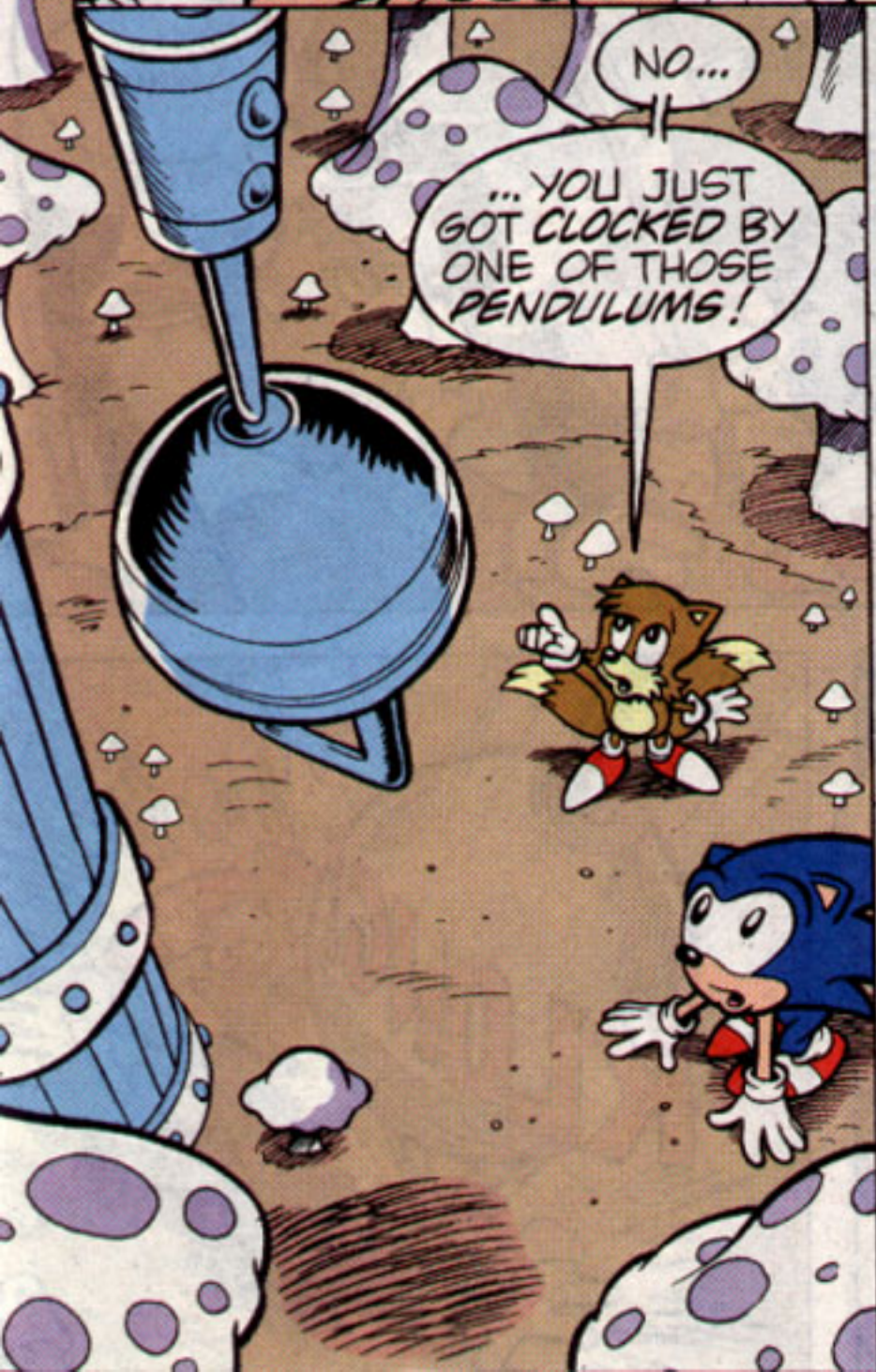
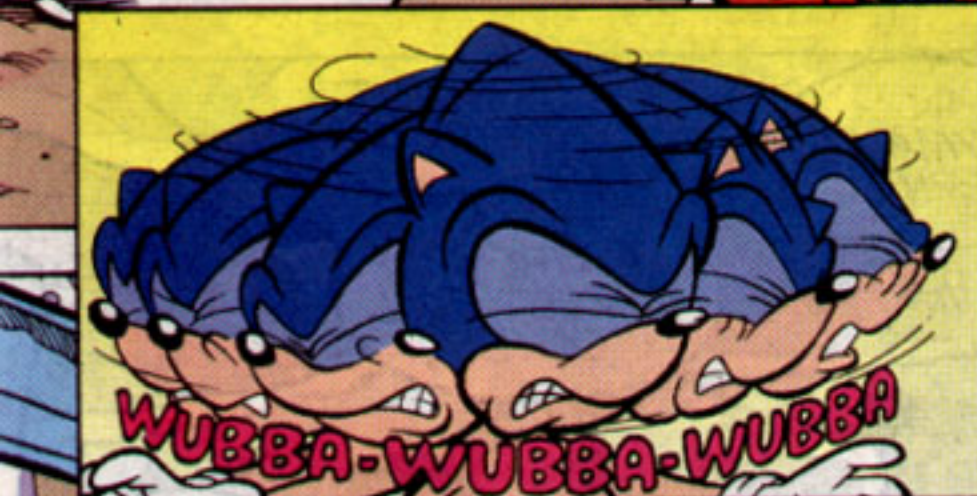
A WHOLE
FOREST FULL
OF 'EM!

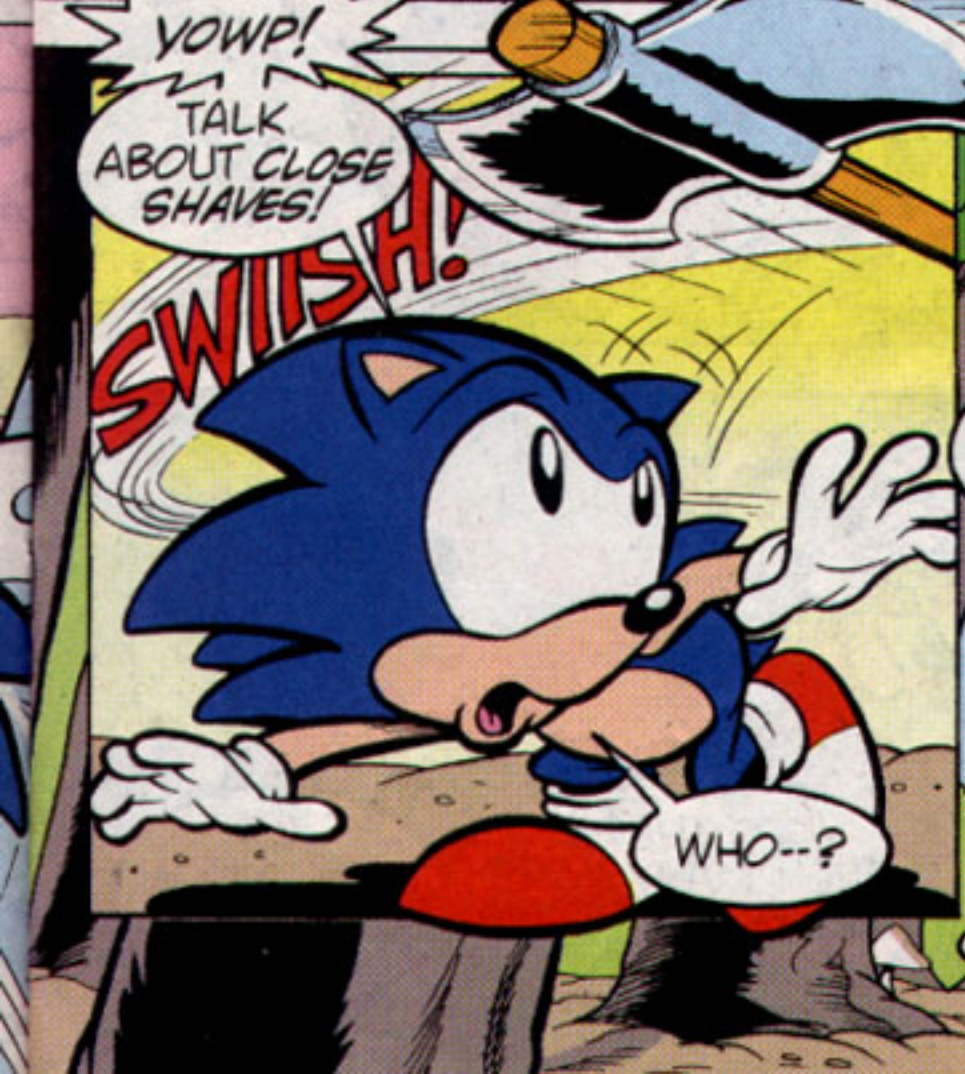
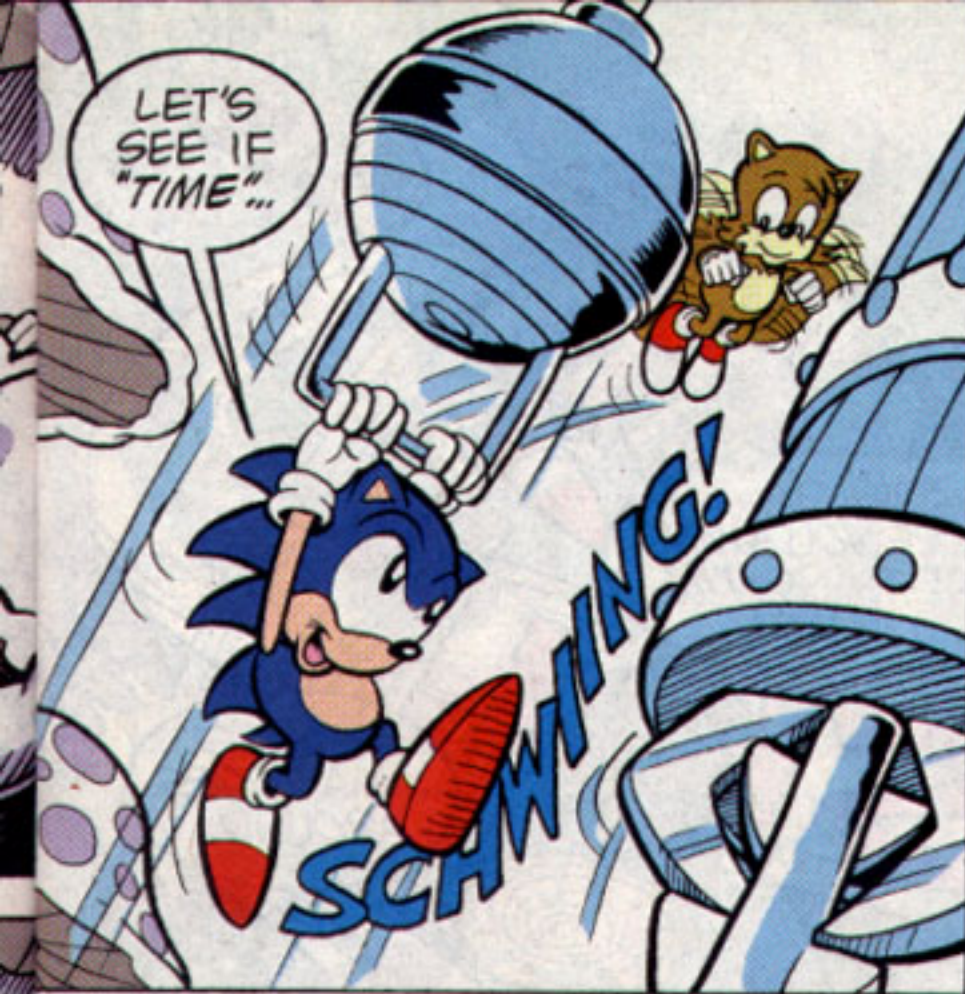
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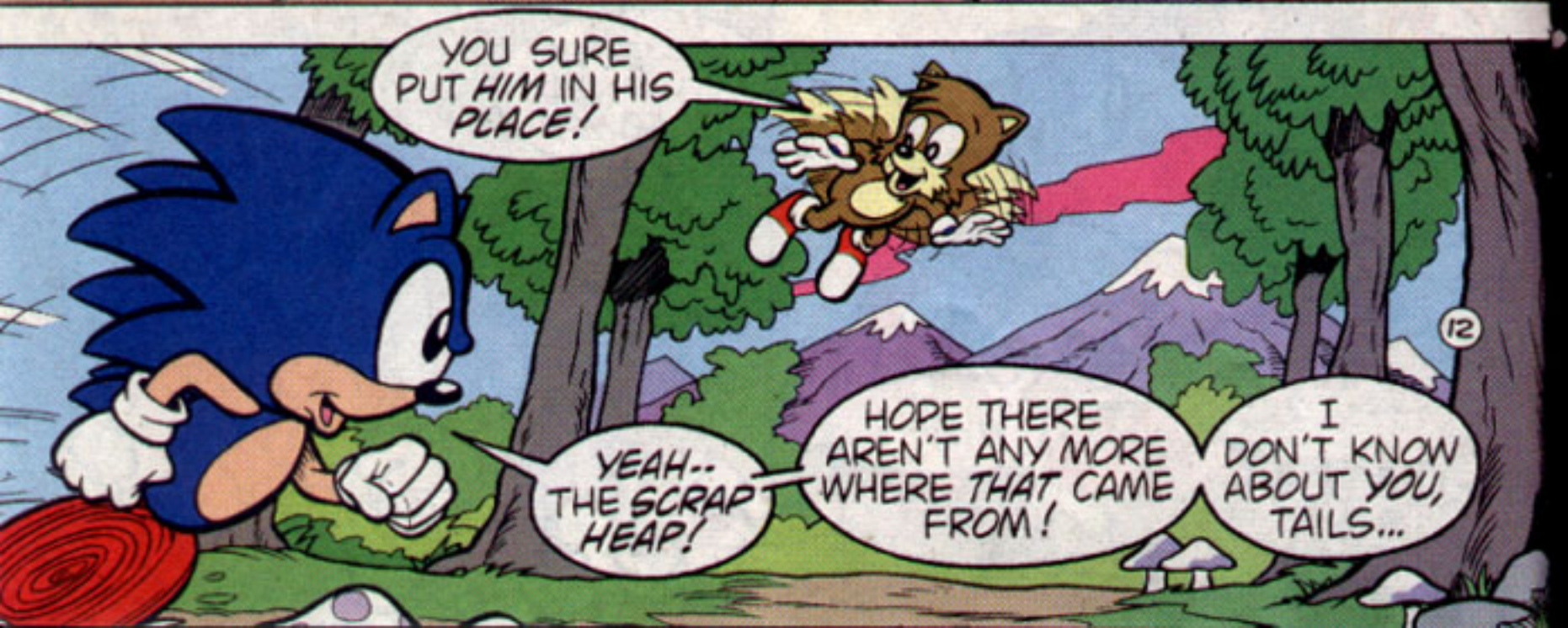
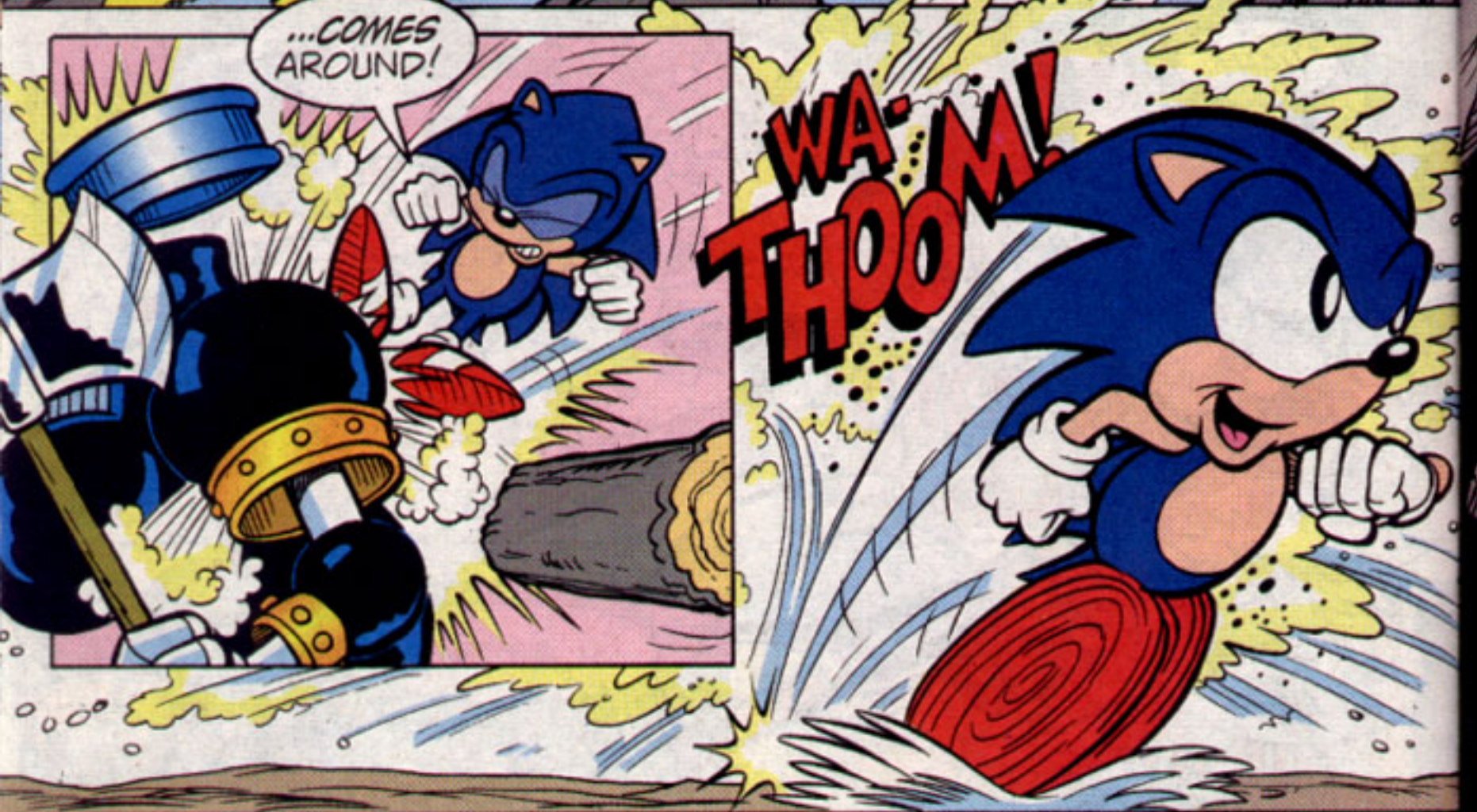
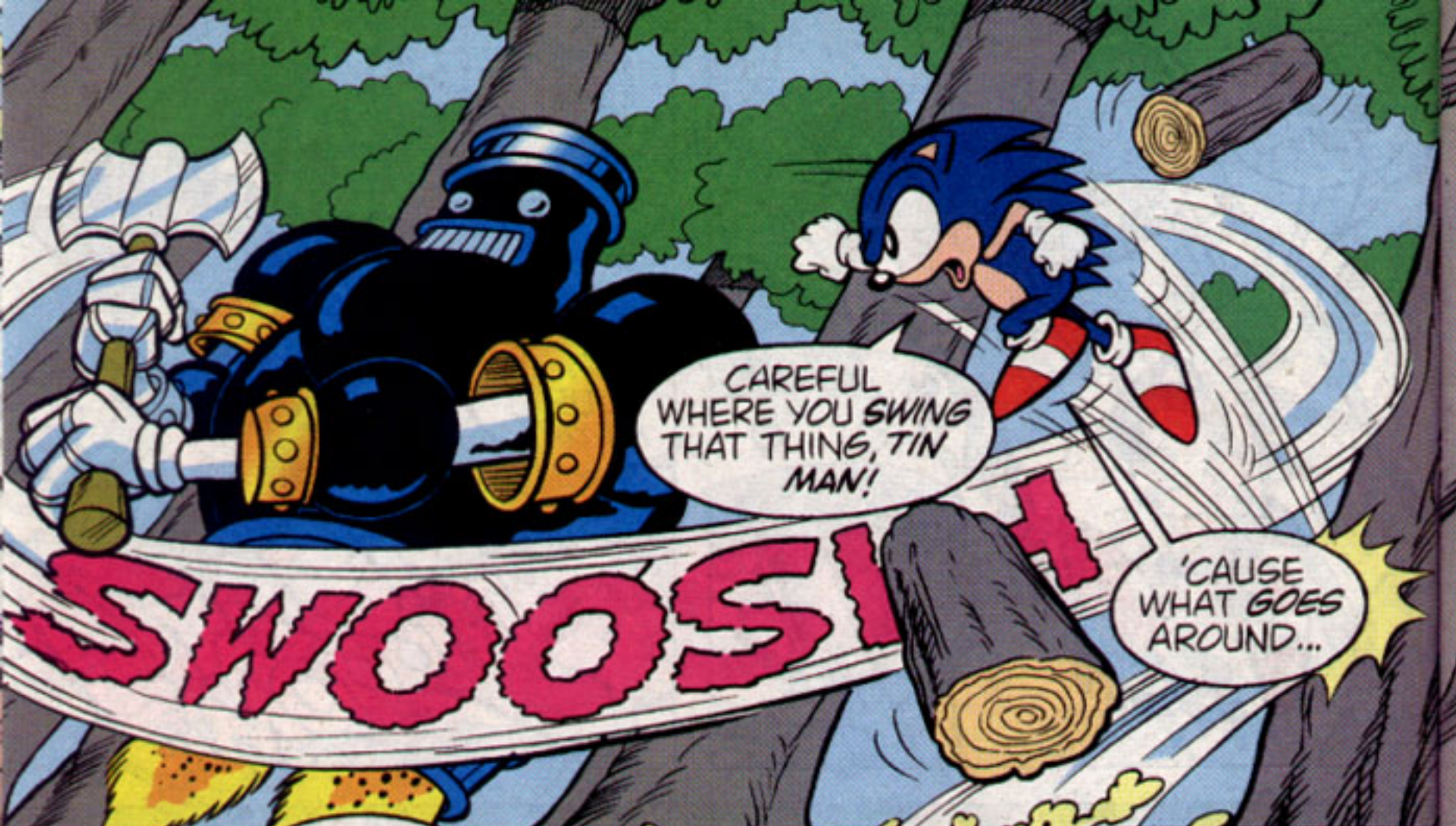
SIGH

IF ONLY
WE HAD A
PIZZA CRUST
BIG ENOUGH
FOR--

KLONG!







... BUT I'M
GETTING PRETTY SICK
OF HAVING THE RUG
PULLED OUT FROM
UNDER ..

HEY!

FLOOOMPH!

HAA
HAA
HAA

ME
AND MY BIG
MOUTH!

UHG!

LUCKY I
MANAGED
TO SNAG
THIS
LEDGE...

WHUUMPH!

...OR I
WOULD'VE BEEN
IN DEEP, DEEP
TROUBLE!

WHO
SAYS YOU'RE
NOT?

HI, THERE!

MISS
ME?

WHO'S THE MYSTERIOUS
STRANGER? WE'LL GIVE
YOU ONE GUESS!

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IN

PANIC IN THE SKY!

PART II

KNUCKLES!

FIGURED YOU'D SHOW YOUR UGLY MUG SOONER OR LATER!

HOW'S IT GOING?!

OH, CAN'T COMPLAIN! --EXCEPT I HATE TRESPASSERS WHO TRY TO TURN MY HOME INTO A WAR ZONE...

...BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT!

THIS IS YOUR SECOND OFFENSE! AND... FAR AS I'M CONCERNED...

...YOU CAN TAKE THE FALL!

KER-RUUUNCH!

HEY, MOLDILOCKS!

WHA--?

I GOT TH' DROP ON YA!

UH-OH...

KER-RAAAKT!

WHOOOPS!

SORRY
ABOUT THAT,
SONIC!

OOF! WHOSE SIDE IS
THE LITTLE GUY ON?

THUMP!

MINE...

UHNH!

BUMP!

...I
THINK!

I WAS
AIMING
AT HIM!

WHUMP!

THAT'S NICE...

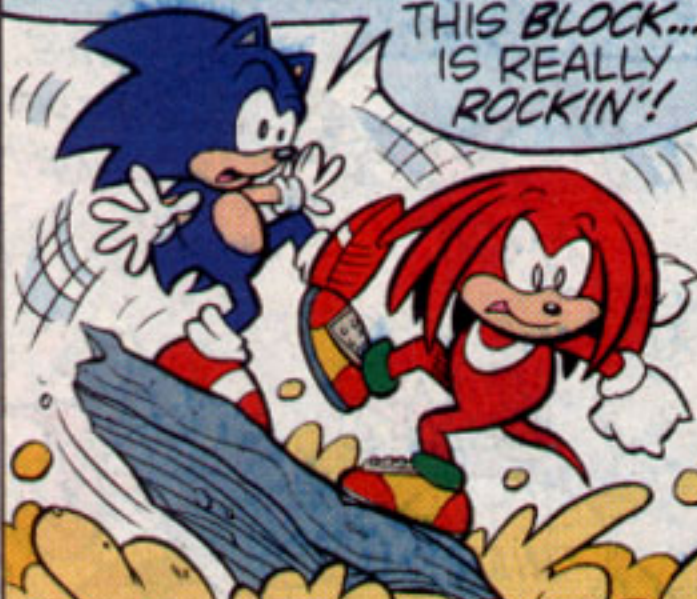
BURBLE! BURBLE! GLOOP!
GLEEP!

FSSSSSS

THWUMP!

...CAUSE YOU'RE
GONNA NEED
ALL THE HELP
YOU CAN GET!

UH--KNUCKLES? I THINK WE'RE BOTH GONNA NEED SOME HELP! THIS BLOCK... IS REALLY ROCKIN'!



RRRRRUUMMBBLLLLLL

NOT TO WORRY, PEOPLE...

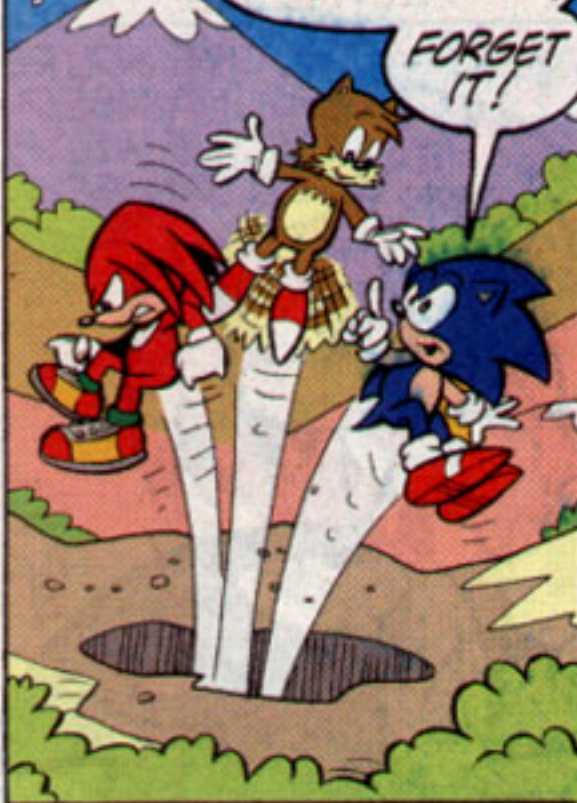


SHOOOOOOM!

...CAUSE WE ARE OUTTA HERE!

THANKS, PAL!

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT BEING "PIGGY-BACKED"? FORGET IT!

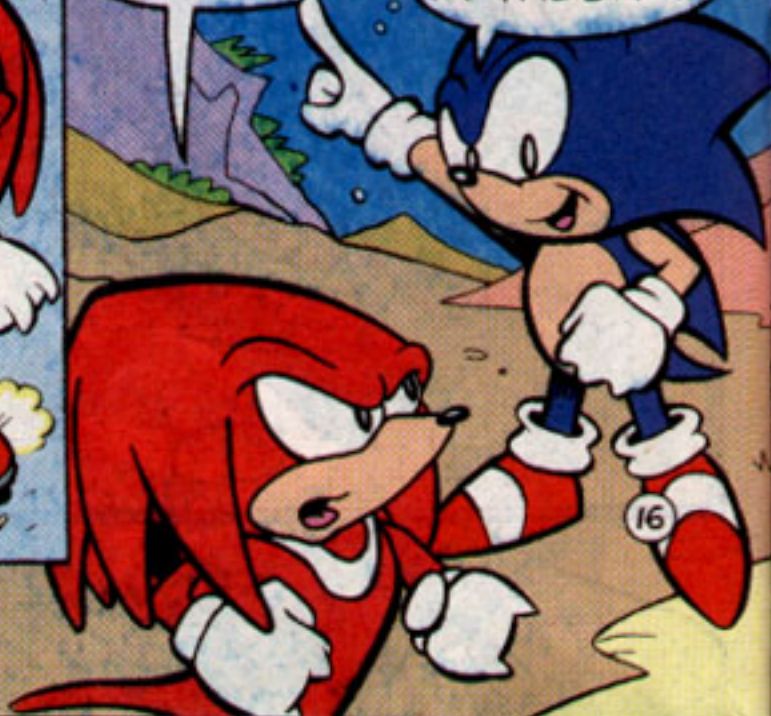


YEAH, THANKS, PAL! I'M PRETTY GOOD AT FLYING AND GLIDING -- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD GET ENOUGH ALTITUDE!



HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT MY HOME FROM INTRUDERS!

AGREED! BUT WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY! LOOK! UP IN THE SKY...



...AND YOU'LL GET THE BIG PICTURE!

IT'S FULL OF STARS...

...ALL OF THEM IN THE WRONG PLACES!

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU!

YOUR ISLAND...

...HAS BEEN HIJACKED!

BY NOW, WE'RE OVER KNOTHOLE VILLAGE--'COURSE IT'S DARK, SO NOBODY'D NOTICE!

SOMEONE'S REFITTED THE UNDERSIDE OF YOUR ISLAND WITH ENGINES...AND GUNS!

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

D'OH! FOOLED AGAIN! THE FLOATING ISLAND HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A FLYING FORTRESS!

BUT WHO...?

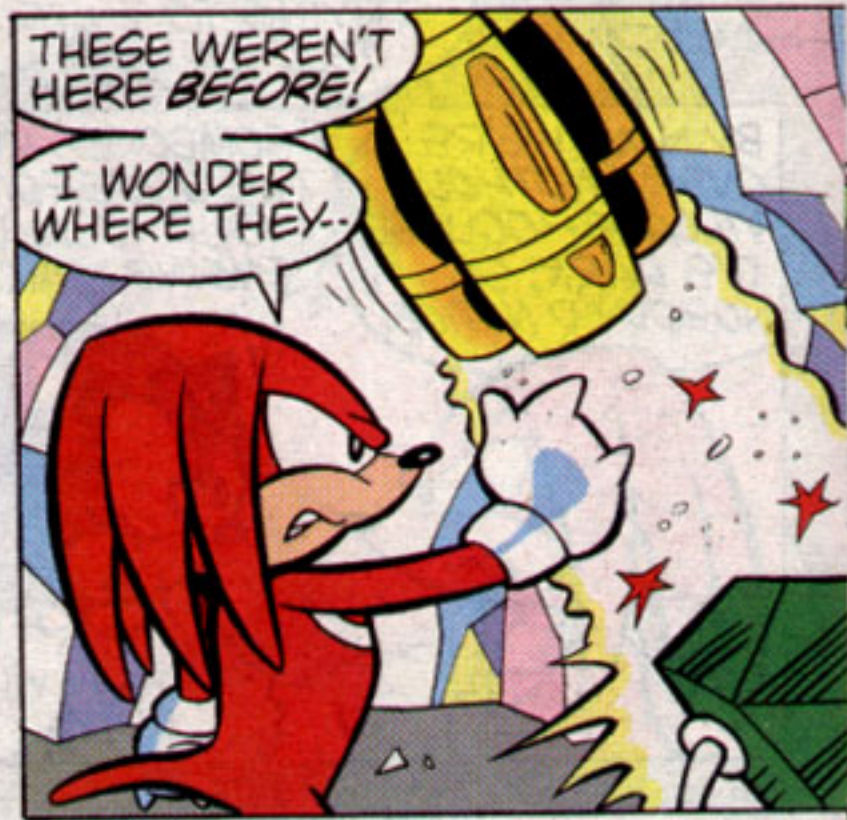
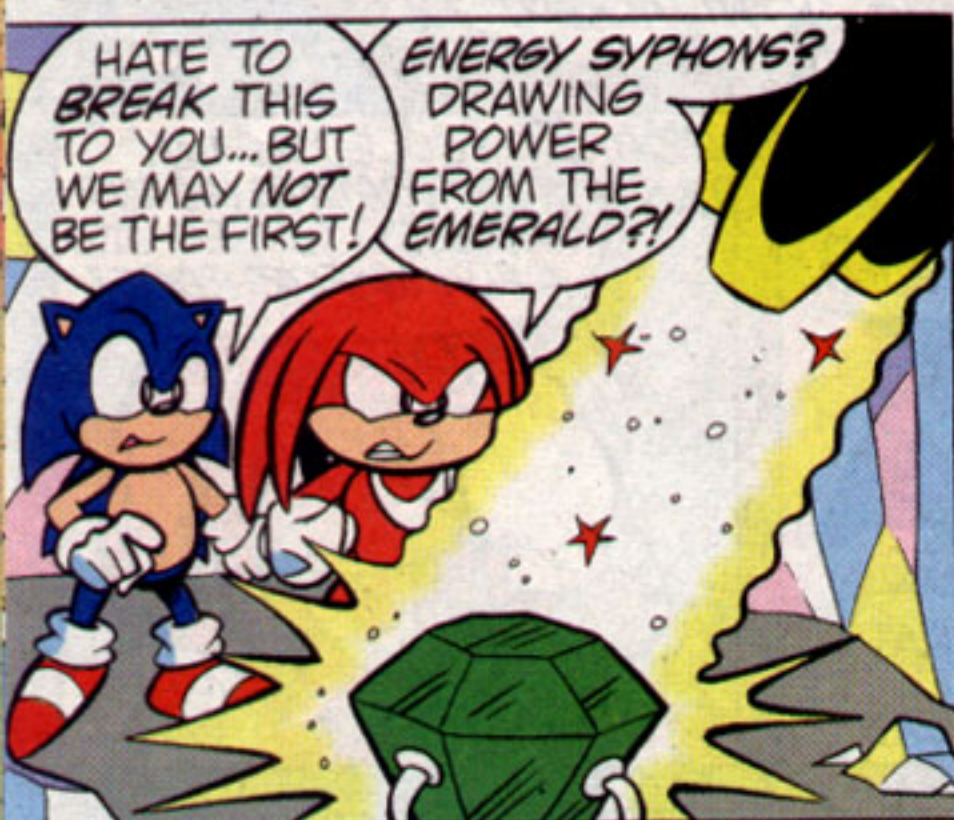
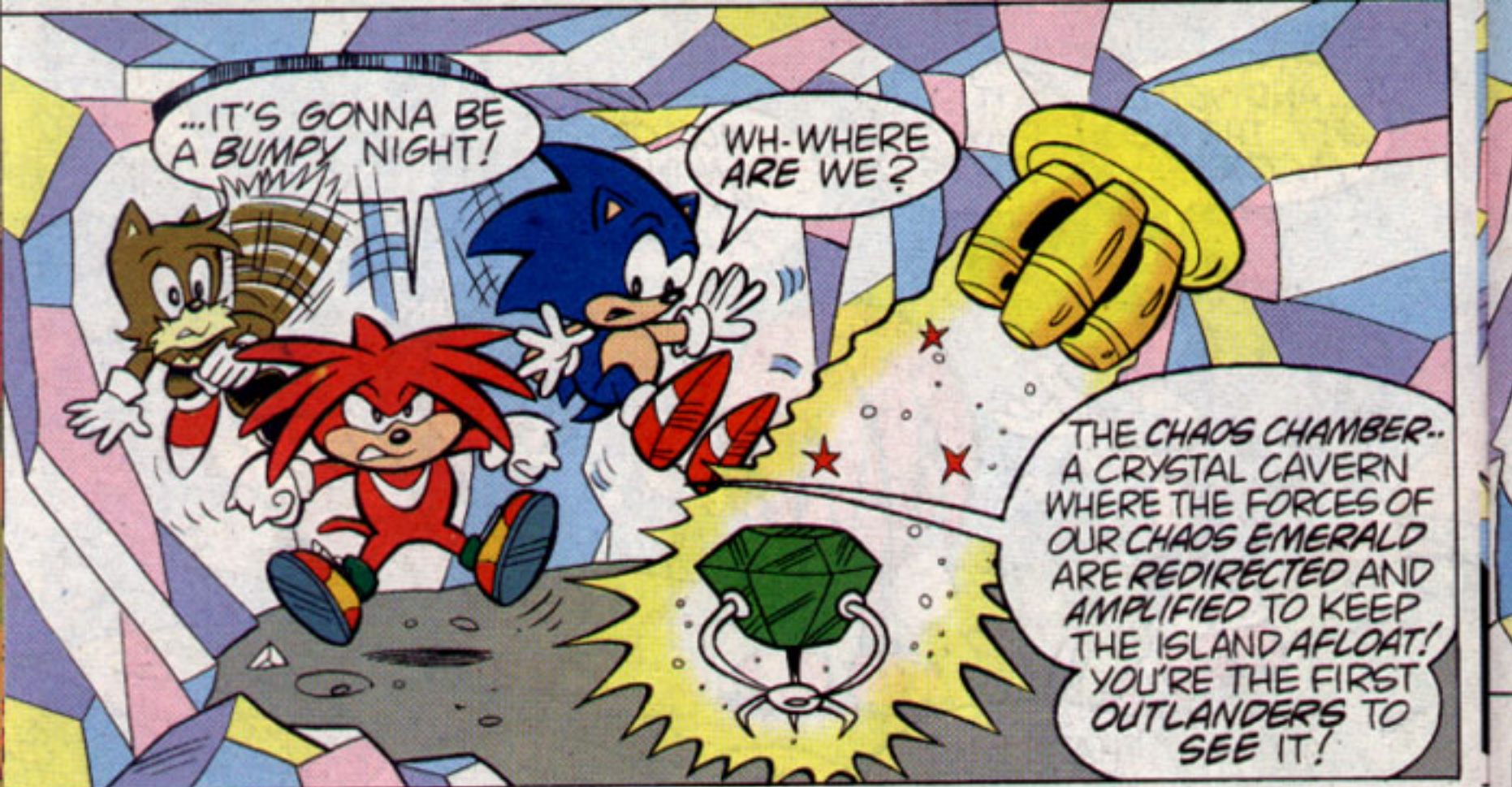
WELL, THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

FASTEN YOUR SEAT-BELTS...

FWIP!

ZOOT CHUTE EASY ACCESS TO THE CHAOS CHAMBER WATCH YOUR STEP!

SWOOSH!!!





SPILL
IT, 'BOT-
BREATH!

WHY'D YOU
TURN THIS
ISLAND INTO
AN AIR SPACE
BATTLESHIP?

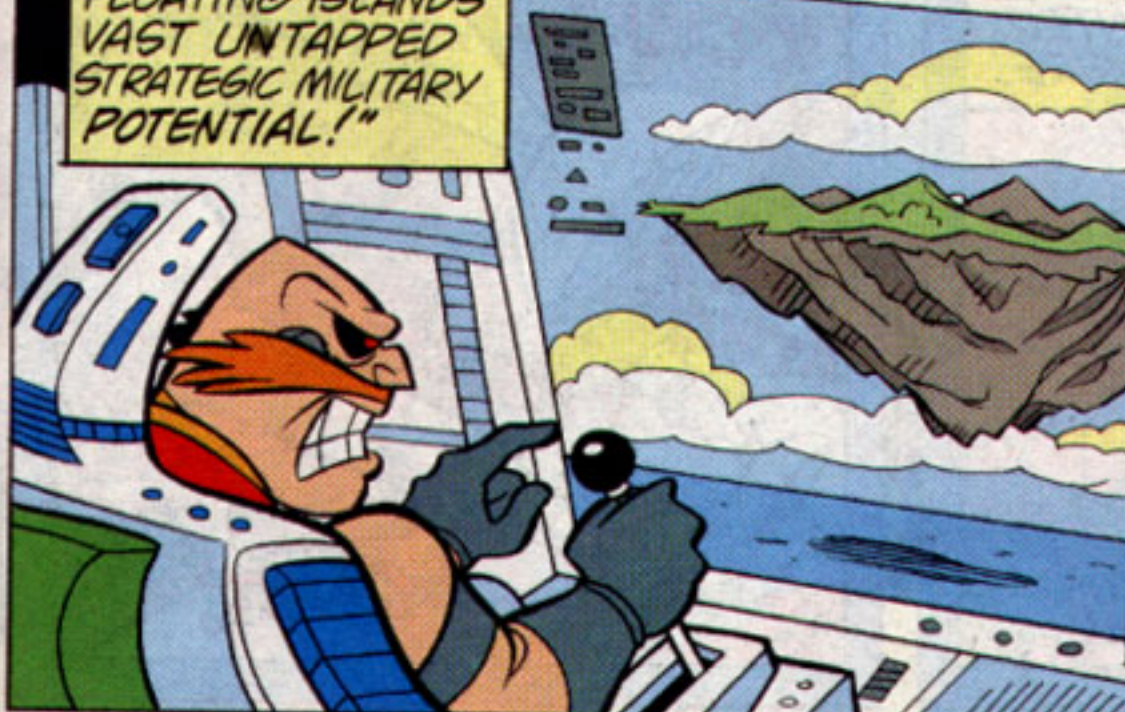


ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?

NO--OF
COURSE
NOT...

"...FOR ONLY I HAVE
THE VISION TO
RECOGNIZE THE
FLOATING ISLAND'S
VAST UNTAPPED
STRATEGIC MILITARY
POTENTIAL!"

"SINCE DISCOVERING ITS EXISTENCE,
LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF HOURS HAVE BEEN
DEVOTED TO OPERATION: FLYING DESTROYER!"



"PHASE ONE INVOLVED AT-
TACHING A MOBILE COM-
MAND BASE TO THE
ISLAND'S
FOUNDATION..."



THWOCK!

"...AND UNLEASHING A
SERIES OF PARADROIDS...
COMPLEX, AUTOMATED
MECHANISMS DESIGNED
TO REFASHION ITS SHAPE
FROM TROPICAL PARADISE..."

"...TO ENGINE OF
DESTRUCTION!"

WHRRR
KLAKETA-
KLAKETA-
KLAKETA-
K-CHUNG!



RECESSED
SHOCK CANNONS

ME

YOU

ENERGY
SYPHONS

CHAOS
EMERALD

RETRO-FITTED
ENGINES

MODULAR
COMMAND
CENTER

CHAOS CHAMBER

"AND SPEAKING OF 'ENGINES'..."

"USING POWER FROM THE CHAOS EMERALD TO FUEL THEM..."

"...I BEGAN TO MOVE MY FRESHLY-ARMED WEAPON OF WAR DUE EAST..."

"...TOWARD KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"

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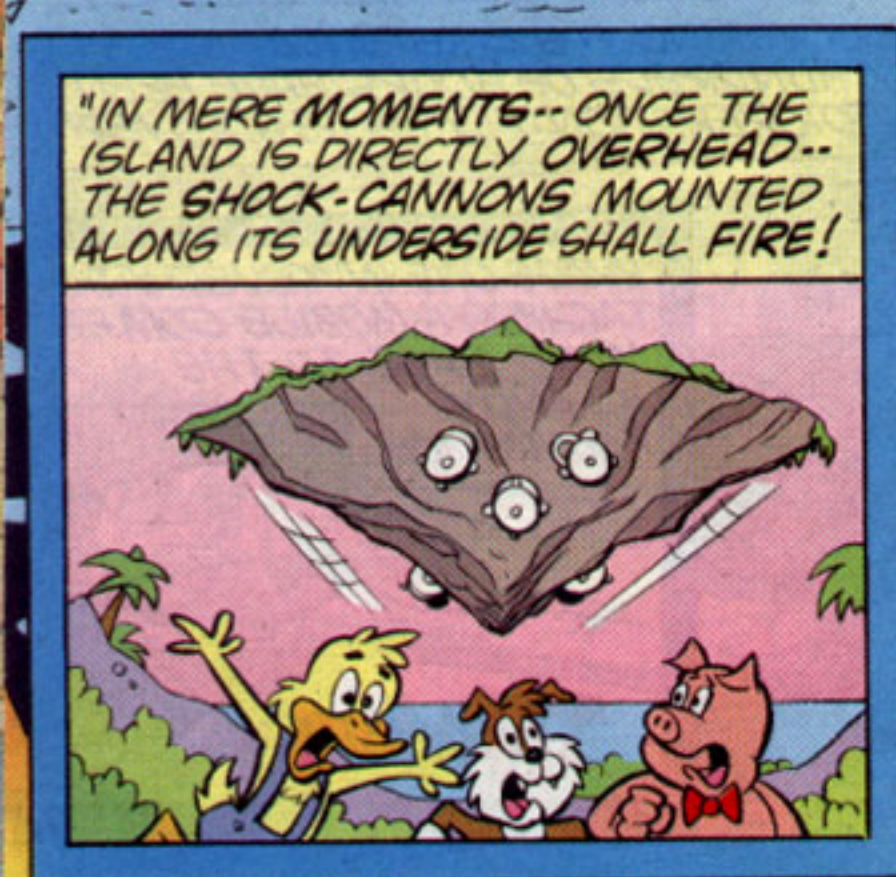
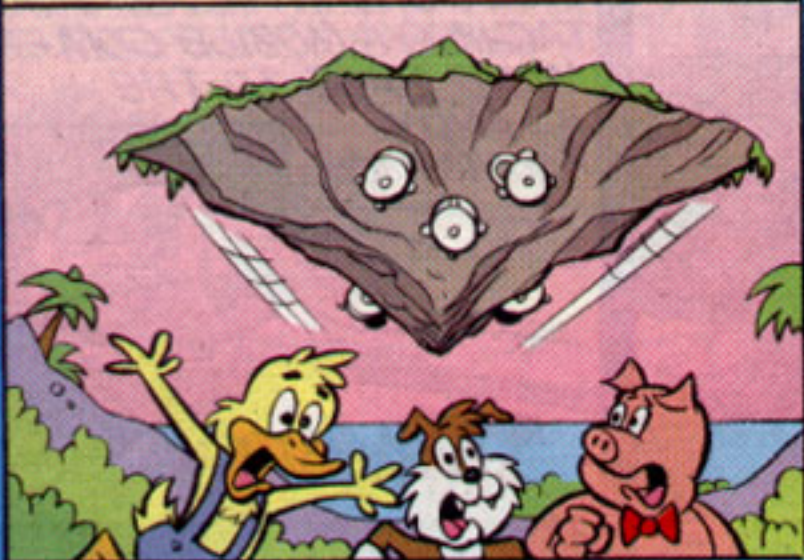
"...TOWARD KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

PROJECTED TRAJECTORY

FLOATING ISLAND

"IN MERE MOMENTS-- ONCE THE ISLAND IS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD-- THE SHOCK-CANNONS MOUNTED ALONG ITS UNDERSIDE SHALL FIRE!



"AND THEN..."

K-CHUNG!

WHRRR

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

"AND THEN..."

K-CHUNG!

WHRRR

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

"AND THEN..."

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K-CHUKT!

"AND THEN..."

K-CHUNG!

WHRRR

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

"AND THEN..."

K-CHUNG!

WHRRR

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

FWA-VOOOOOM!

CHANANANANANANANANANAN

20



FWA-VOOOOOM!

CHANNANANANANANANANAN

20



I OWE YOU A DEBT, ECHIDNA! IF YOU HADN'T KEPT THESE TWO OCCUPIED, THEY MIGHT HAVE ARRIVED IN TIME TO SAVE THE DAY--AS ALWAYS!

HE'S RIGHT! I MESSED UP! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

AS THE ISLAND'S GUARDIAN, I CAN'T ALLOW IT TO BE USED THIS WAY...

BUT, WITH THE ISLAND ALREADY IN POSITION...

...THERE'S NOTHING THEY OR ANYONE ELSE CAN DO TO STOP ME!

...REGARDLESS OF THE PERSONAL COST!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, CHUMP! WHEN IT COMES TO WAR MACHINES, YOU MAY MAKE 'EM...

...BUT I CAN BREAK 'EM!

N-N-N-NOW WHAT?

IT'S SIMPLE, SIMON!

WITHOUT THE CHAOS EMERALD TO KEEP US ALOFT...

SKA-RAAAAASH!

RRRIIIPUUUUUU BBLLLL

"...WE'RE
HEADIN' FOR
A FALL!"

BUCKET HEAD!
I REALIZE
THAT!

WE - WILL -
BREAK -
UP - IN -

MASTER -
WE - ARE -
FALLING!

NO! -- WE'RE
BREAKING
OFF!

KLIKT!

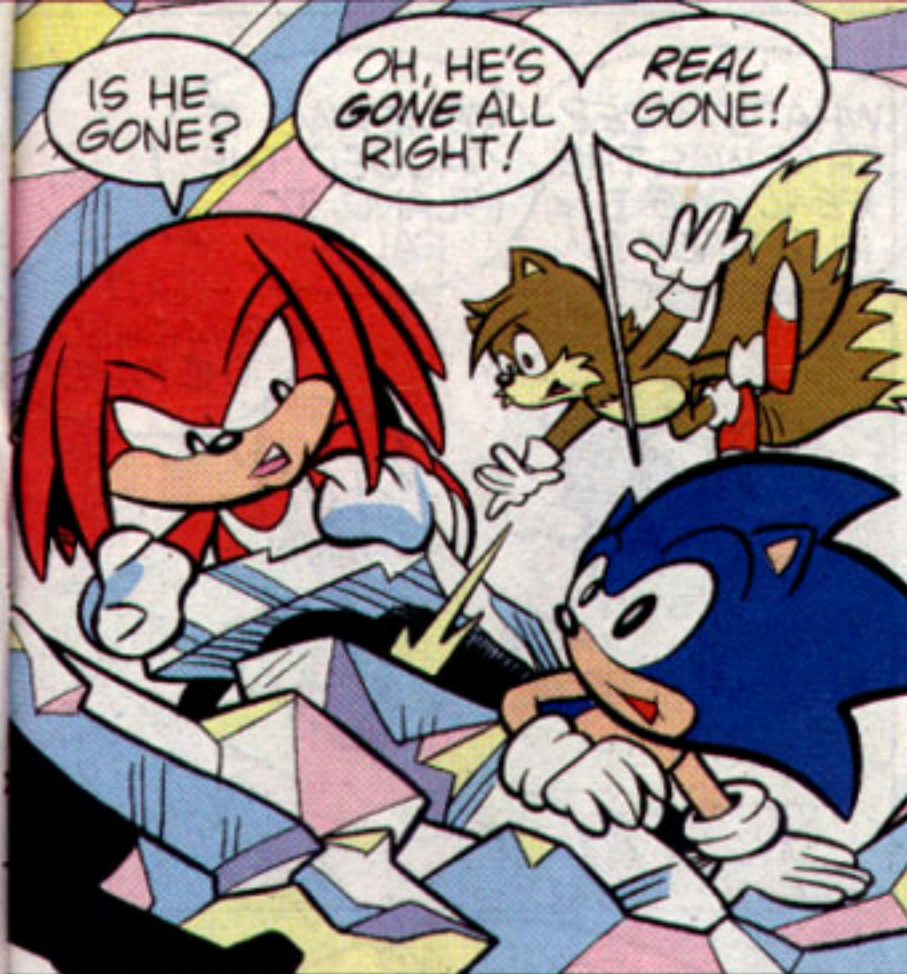
THE
FOOL!

HE FORGOT THEY WERE
EIGHT MILES HIGH!

NOW KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE WILL BE
DESTROYED...

...WITHOUT ME
HAVING TO FIRE
A SINGLE SHOT!

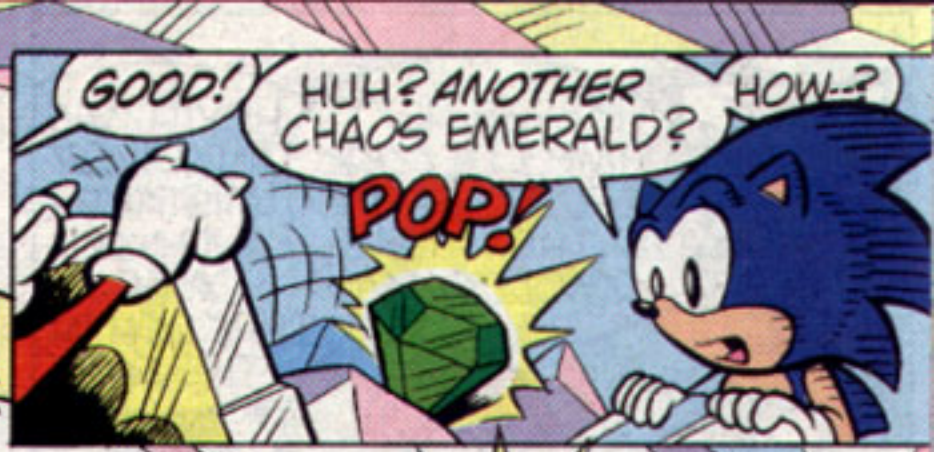
HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA



IS HE GONE?

OH, HE'S GONE ALL RIGHT!

REAL GONE!

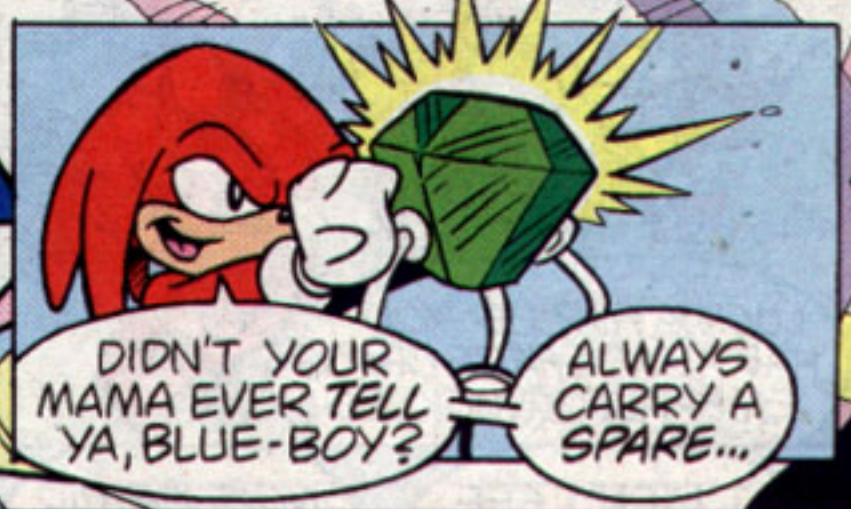


GOOD!

HUH? ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?

HOW--?

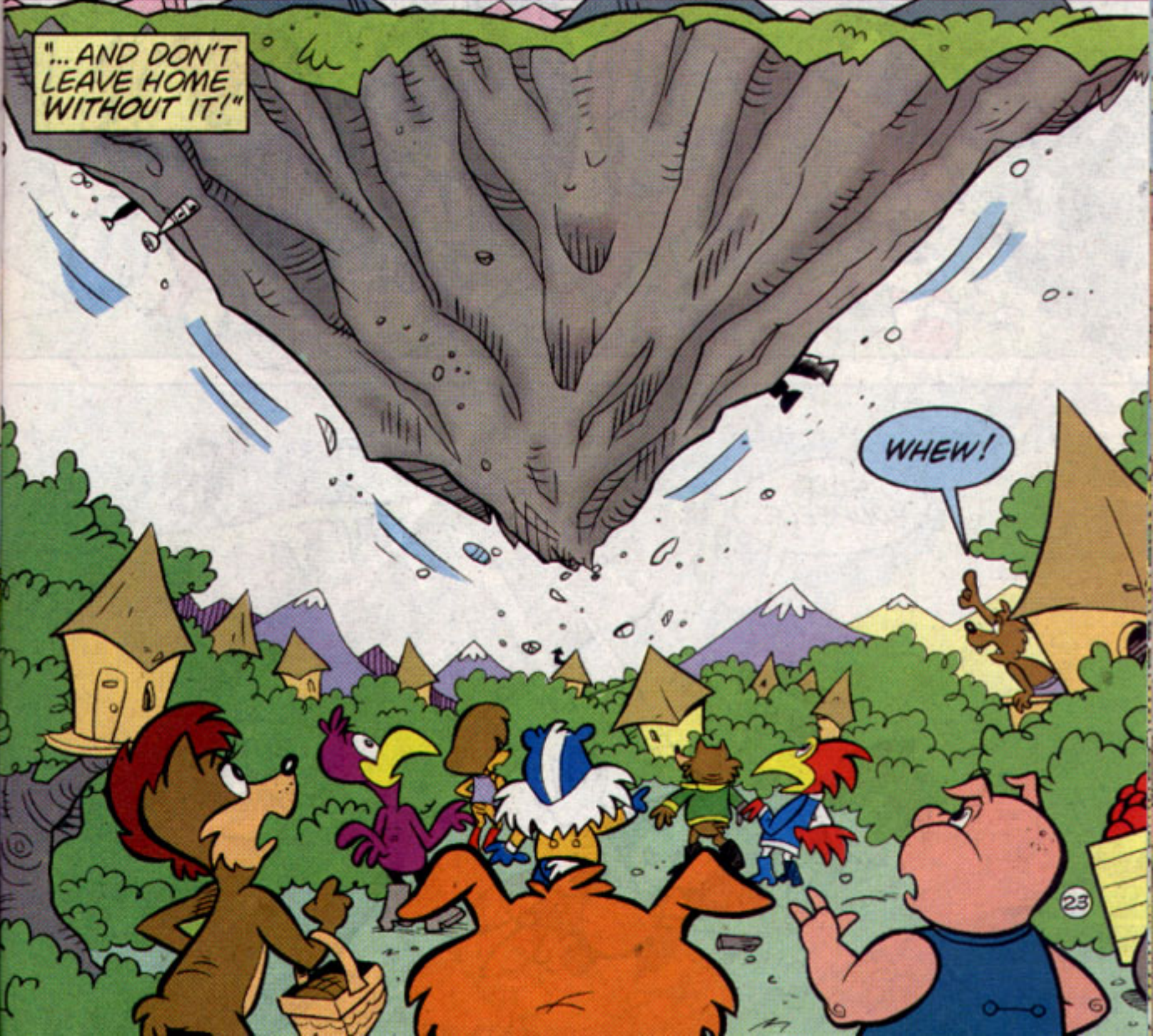
POP!



DIDN'T YOUR MAMA EVER TELL YA, BLUE-BOY?

ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE...

SKA-REEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE



"...AND DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!"

WHEW!

LATER...

MAYBE NEXT TIME, I'LL LOOK BEFORE LEAPING TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION!

HEY! IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE-- AND YOU CAME THROUGH IN THE END!

LUCKY FOR US YOU HAD THAT SPARE CHAOS EMERALD, KNUCKLES!

LAND'S END

I DIDN'T SEE YOU MAKE THE SWITCH!

NEITHER DID ROBOTNIK!

WHAT SPARE? THAT WAS THE REAL ONE I PUT BACK!

REMOVING IT CAUSED THE ISLAND TO FALL--

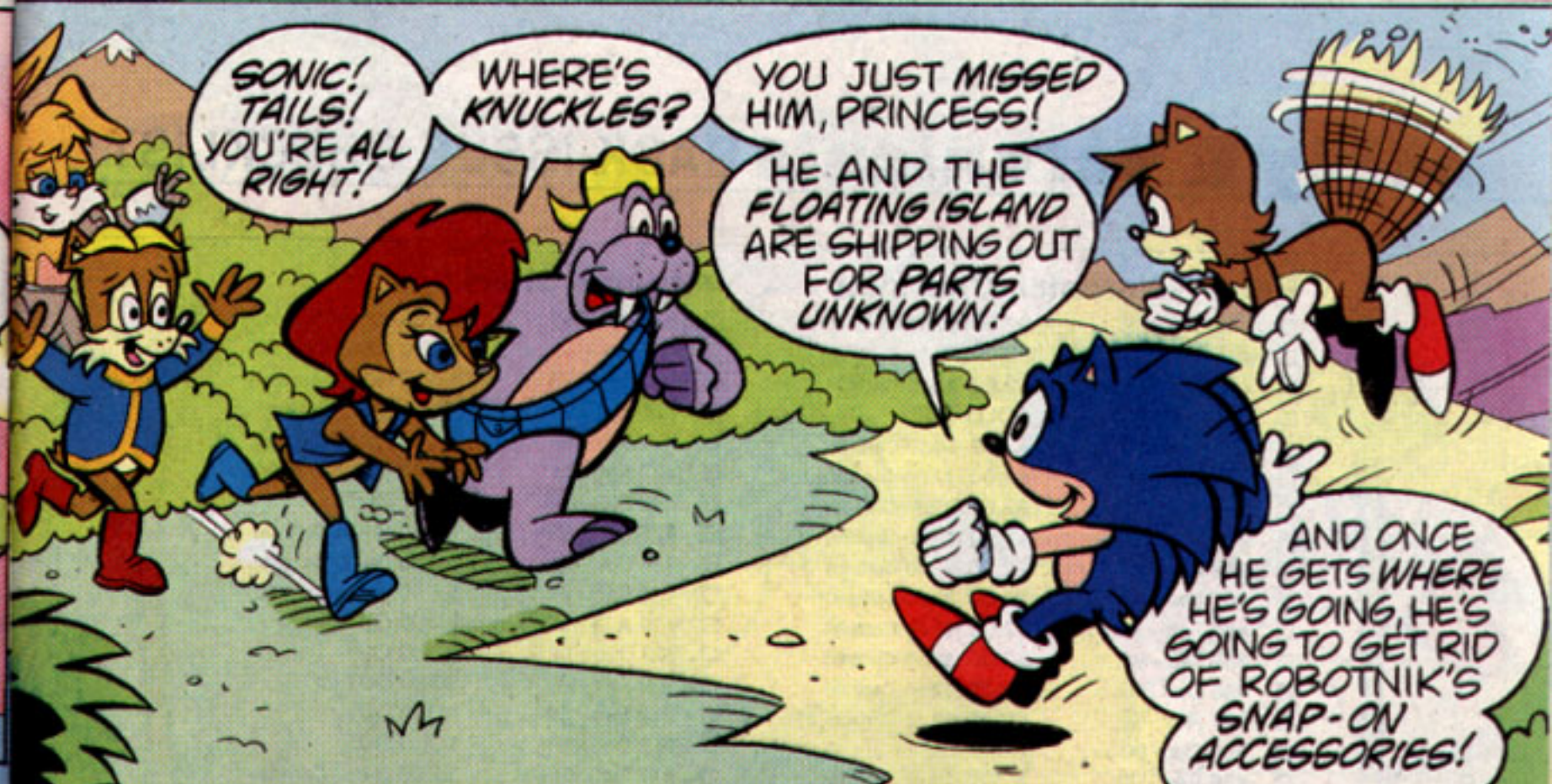
--BUT I SMASHED THE FAKE!

SAY, WHY DON'T YOU PARK YOUR ISLAND HERE AND JOIN US?

NO WAY! I'VE GOT MY OWN PROBLEMS--AND RESPONSIBILITIES!

SUIT YOURSELF...

... BUT DON'T BE A STRANGER!



SONIC!
TAILS!
YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!

WHERE'S
KNUCKLES?

YOU JUST MISSED
HIM, PRINCESS!

HE AND THE
FLOATING ISLAND
ARE SHIPPING OUT
FOR PARTS
UNKNOWN!

AND ONCE
HE GETS WHERE
HE'S GOING, HE'S
GOING TO GET RID
OF ROBOTNIK'S
SNAP-ON
ACCESSORIES!



TOO
BAD.

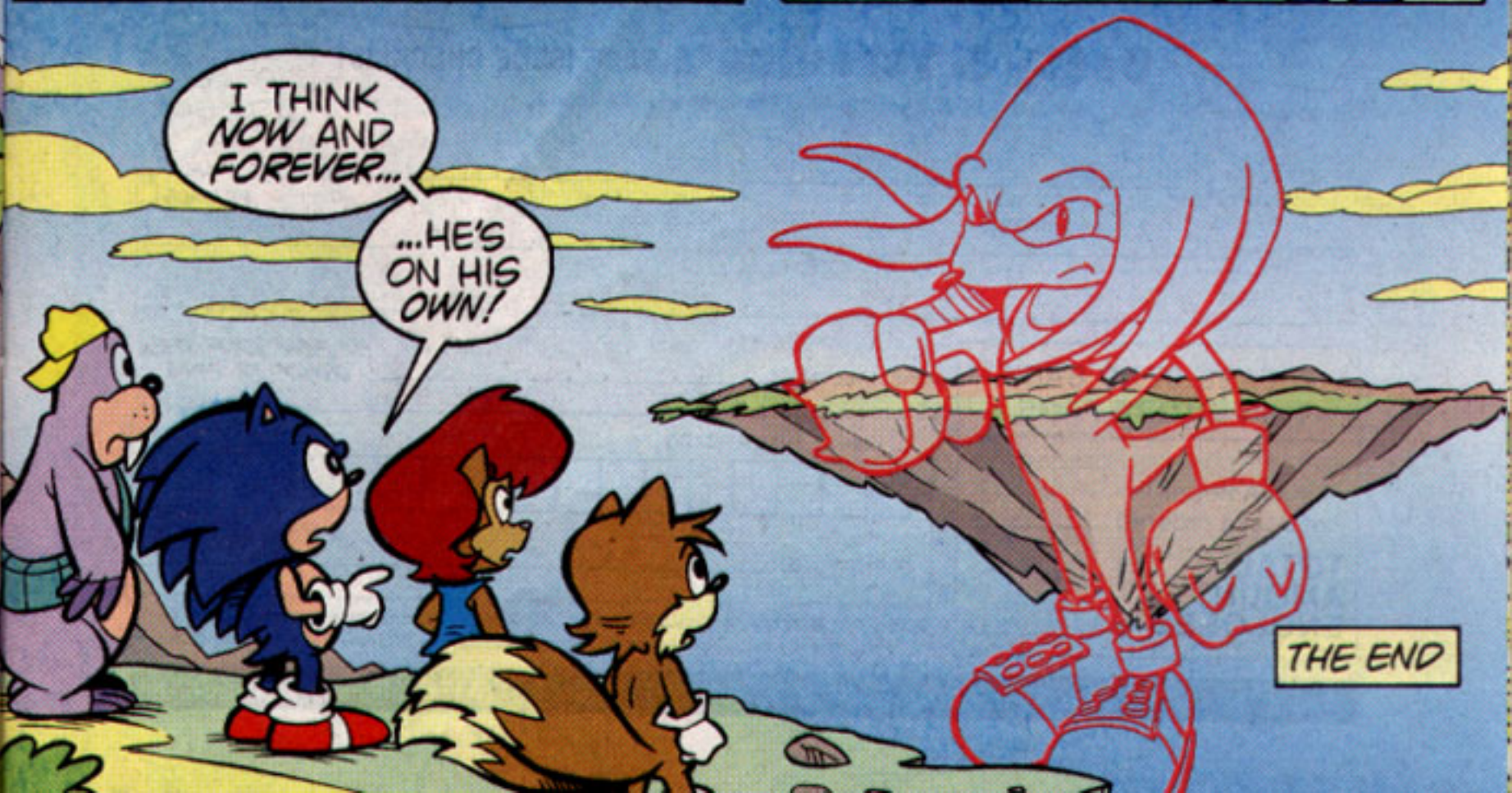
WELL, THAT'S ONE LESS
WEAPON OF WAR WE'LL HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT!

BUT WHAT OF
KNUCKLES?



THINK HE'LL EVER
JOIN THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS?

I DOUBT
IT, SAL!



I THINK
NOW AND
FOREVER...

...HE'S
ON HIS
OWN!

THE END

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLESTM

A QUIET DAY ON
THE *FLOATING ISLAND*...

IN

**FIRE
DRILL**

KA-THOOOM!

WHAT WAS *THAT*?!
SOME *DUDE*
STARTING TROUBLE
ON *MY* TURF?

SOUNDS LIKE IT
CAME FROM
THE BEACH!

I'D BETTER *WING*
IT OVER THERE --
REAL FAST!

WHA--?

NOBODY'S HERE!
JUST A *CRATER!*

WHOEVER IT
WAS MUST'VE
TOOK OFF
OUT OF SIGHT,
OUT OF MIND--

-- HOPING THEY
WOULDN'T BE
SPOTTED BY
THE TOP DOG!

... OR I SHOULD SAY--
TOPECHIDNA!

WELL, IF THIS
GUY *THINKS*
HE'S A **GENIUS**--

-- HE BETTER
GO BACK TO
PRESCHOOL!

WHAT A
DUMMY!

GOES AN' LEAVES
HIS **FOOTPRINTS**
ALL OVER THE PLACE!

I COULD
FOLLOW 'IM
IN MY SLEEP!

A **BLIND** PERSON
COULD **SEE** THEY
LEAD RIGHT TO--

THERE!

GOTCHA!!

HUH?

WHERE'D
HE GO?

NOBODY -- BUT *NOBODY* -- MAKES
A FOOL OUT OF *KNUCKLES* THE
ECHIDNA AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!

SOMEONE
OR SOMETHING
-- WAS HERE!

THE *ONLY* PLACE
THEY COULD GO
WITHOUT ME
SEEING HIM --

-- IS IN THE
RUINS OF THE
SANDOPOLIS
ZONE!

BUT TO GET THERE FROM
HERE MEANS I'M LOOKIN'
FOR SOMEONE *FAST*!

SOMEONE
AWFUL
FAST!

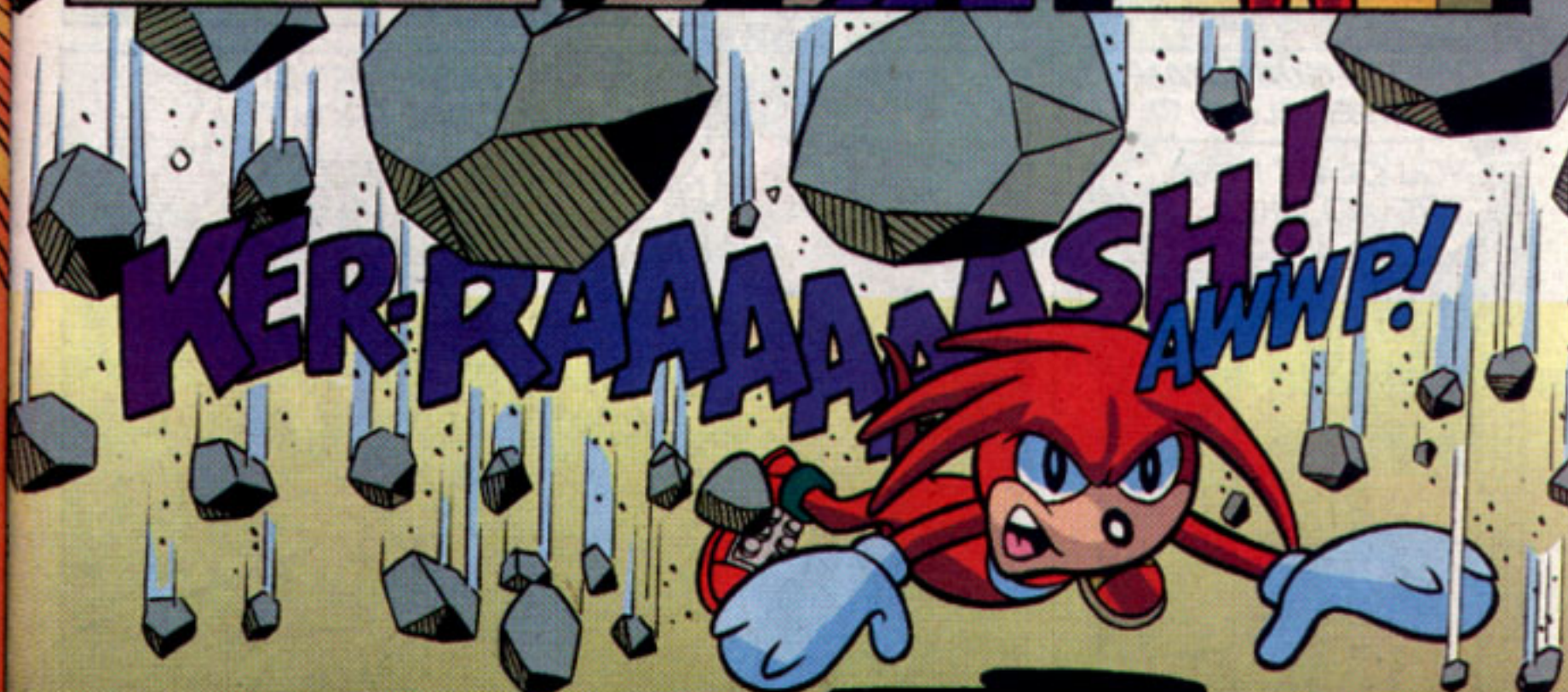
AND I
KNOW
JUST THE
GUY!

C'MON OUT, *SONIC* THE
HEDGEHOG, AND FIGHT ME
ECHIDNA TO RODENT--

WELL, IF YOU
WON'T COME TO
ME, I'M *COMIN'*
IN AFTER YOU!

NO MORE
MISTER *NICE*
GUY -- YOU
GOT THAT?!

YOU BEING
SUCH A *RAT*
AN' ALL!



--YOU'LL DO THIS EASY OR
I'LL **REALLY** BRING THE
HOUSE **DOWN** ON YOU!

YOU CAN'T
HIDE FROM ME
FOR LONG!

DON'T YOU
KNOW--

--I'M THE **GUARDIAN**
OF THIS ISLAND?!

YOU **CAN'T** MESS
AROUND WHILE I'M
ON WATCH!

YE-OWW!

WHERE'D THAT
COME FROM?!

SOMETHIN'
FUNNY'S **GOIN'**
ON HERE!!

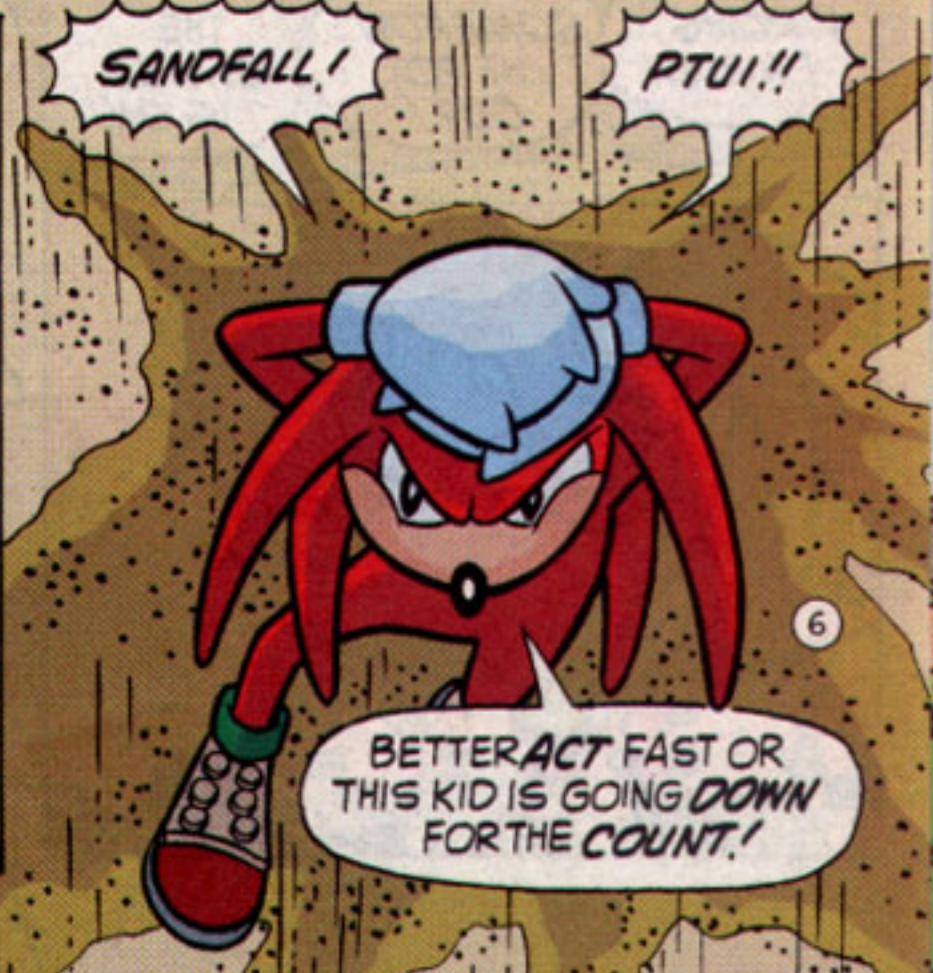
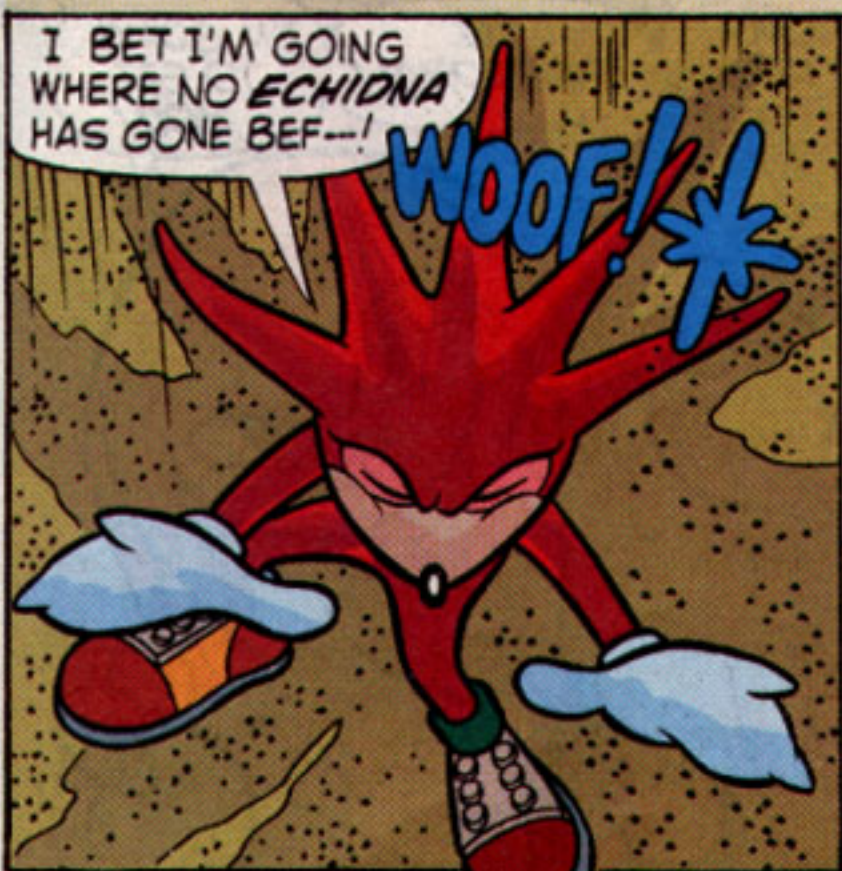
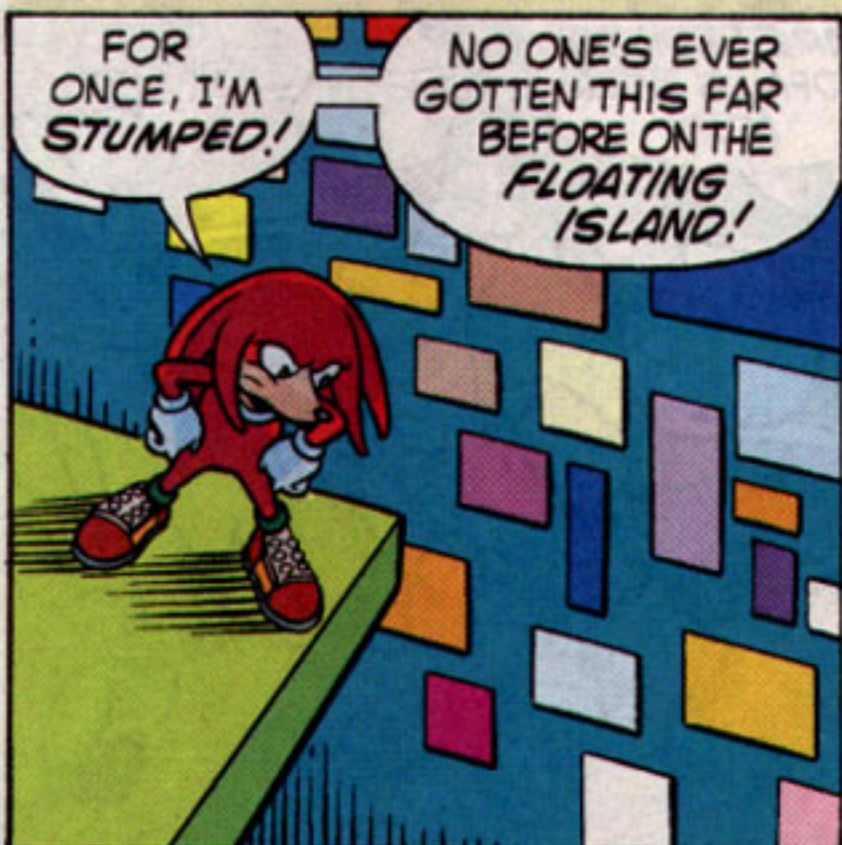
WELL,
ISN'T **THIS**
SPECIAL!

THE **WALL**
REVEALS IT'S
A **DOOR**!

THE
PROBLEM
IS--
HOW COME
I'M **NOT**
LAUGHIN'?

THUD!

SINCE THERE'S
NO WAY ANYONE
COULD'VE GOTTEN
PAST ME--





I'M FLYIN' **BLIND**-- BUT IT'S MY **ONLY** CHANCE!



I **DID** IT!

DIDN'T GET ME FAR THOUGH!

ANOTHER WALL!

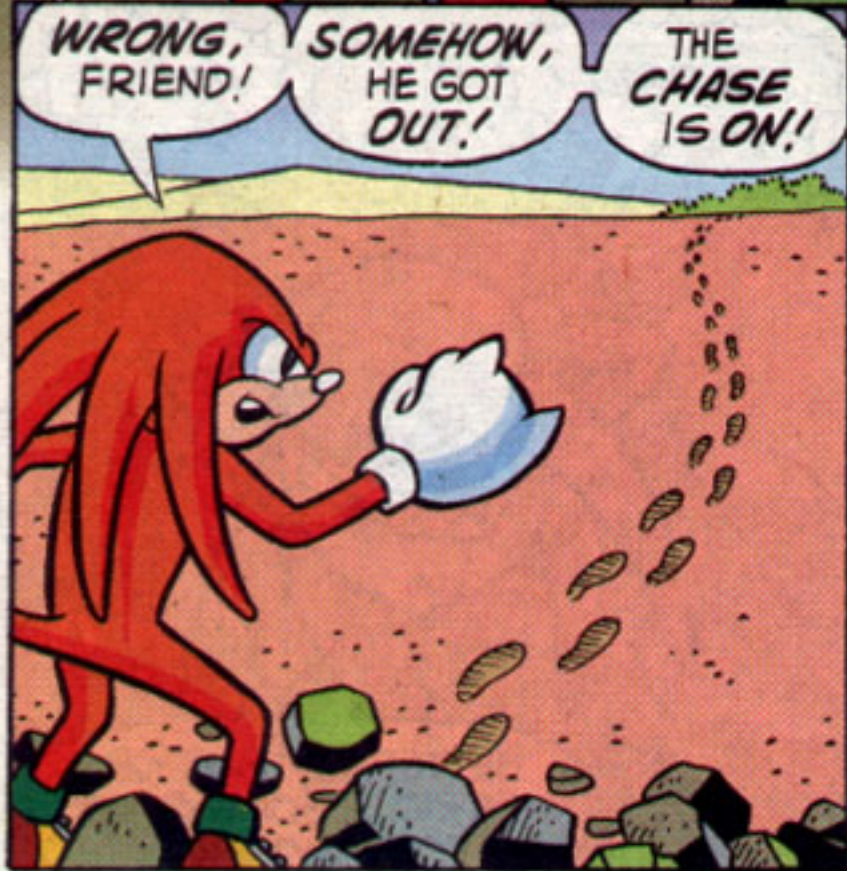


THE **KNUCKLES EXPRESS** IS COMIN' RIGHT THROUGH!

AND **STILL** NO VILLAIN IN SIGHT!

MAYBE HE DIDN'T **ESCAPE** FROM THE SANDFALLS AFTER ALL!

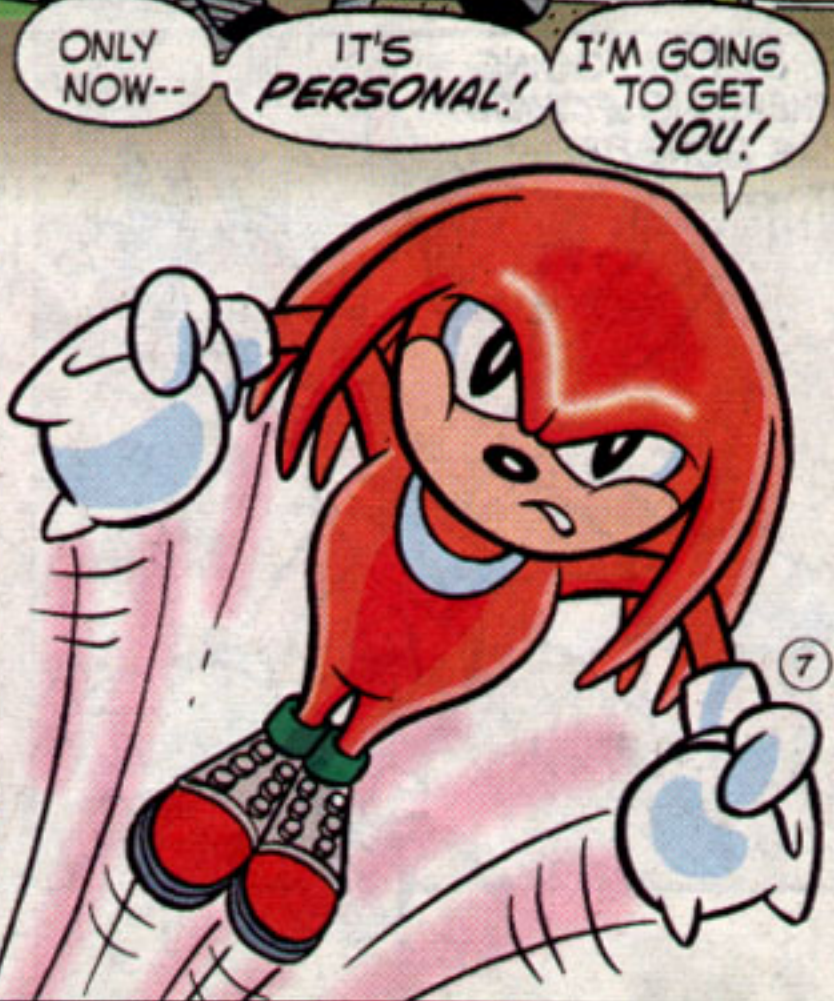
KER-BAM!!



WRONG, FRIEND!

SOMEHOW, HE GOT OUT!

THE **CHASE** IS ON!



ONLY NOW--

IT'S **PERSONAL!**

I'M GOING TO GET YOU!



I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE *ELSE* THIS *FAST* OR *LUCKY!*

IT'S GOT TO BE SONIC MESSING AROUND!

THE TRAIL *LEADS* TO THE ISLAND'S *EDGE!*

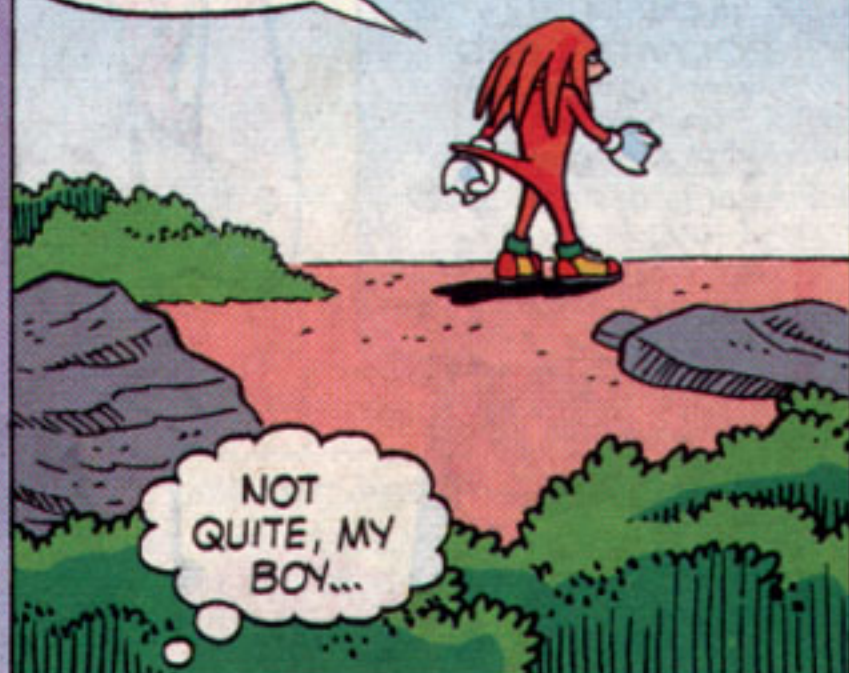


-- EXCEPT FOR YOURS *TRULY!*

NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, BUT *DOWN!*
GOOD *RIDDANCE!*

JUST WAIT'LL *NEXT* TIME, MISTER HEDGEHOG--

-- I'LL BE THE *ONE* WITH THE *SURPRISES!*



THIS WAS ONLY YOUR *FIRST LESSON* AND I CAN SEE ALREADY YOU HAVE A *LOT* TO LEARN!

CLASS IS NOW IN *SESSION...*



THIS ISN'T *THE END*, DEAR READER! BOTH YOU AND KNUCKLES HAVE PLENTY OF SURPRISES IN STORE AT THE HANDS OF OUR MYSTERIOUS FRIEND! FIND OUT MORE IN *UPCOMING ISSUES!*

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLES™

IN

LORD OF THE
FLOATING ISLAND

THE WINDS
ARE REALLY
HOWLING
TODAY!

ALL OF A SUDDEN,
I'M FLYING THE
NOT-SO-FRIENDLY
SKIES!

LOOKS LIKE
THE WINDS
AREN'T ALL
THAT'S RILED!

THERE'S A *BABY*
KANGA LOOKING
FOR ITS *MOM*,
I BET!

HOLD ON, KID!
KNUCKLES IS COMING
TO HELP OUT!



I WANT MY MOMMA!

EASY, KID! I WON'T LET YOU GET HURT!



I CAN'T FLY IN THESE WINDS WITH YOU WIGGLING AROUND!

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LAND!

OKAY!



THAT'S BETTER! I GUESS THE ONCOMING STORM IS STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT!

IS THAT WHY IT'S DARKER?



I GUESS! IT'S NEVER BEEN THIS DARK THIS TIME OF DAY!

BY THE WAY, THE NAME'S KNUCKLES!

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!



YOU DO?

YES! MOMMY TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU!

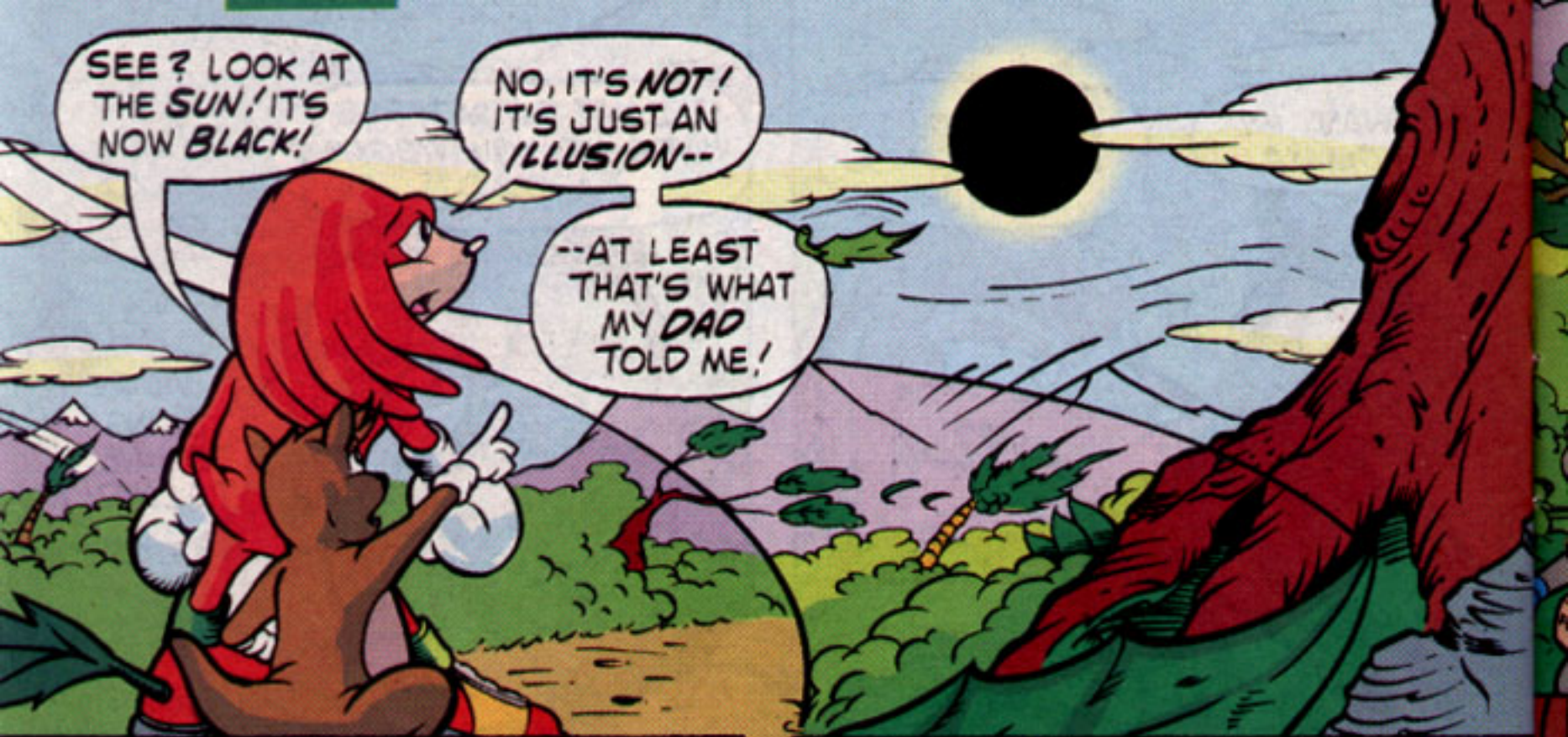
SHE SAID THAT YOU WATCHED OVER EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND!



WELL, THAT'S PART OF WHAT I DO!

SO, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BRING BACK THE SKY, TOO?

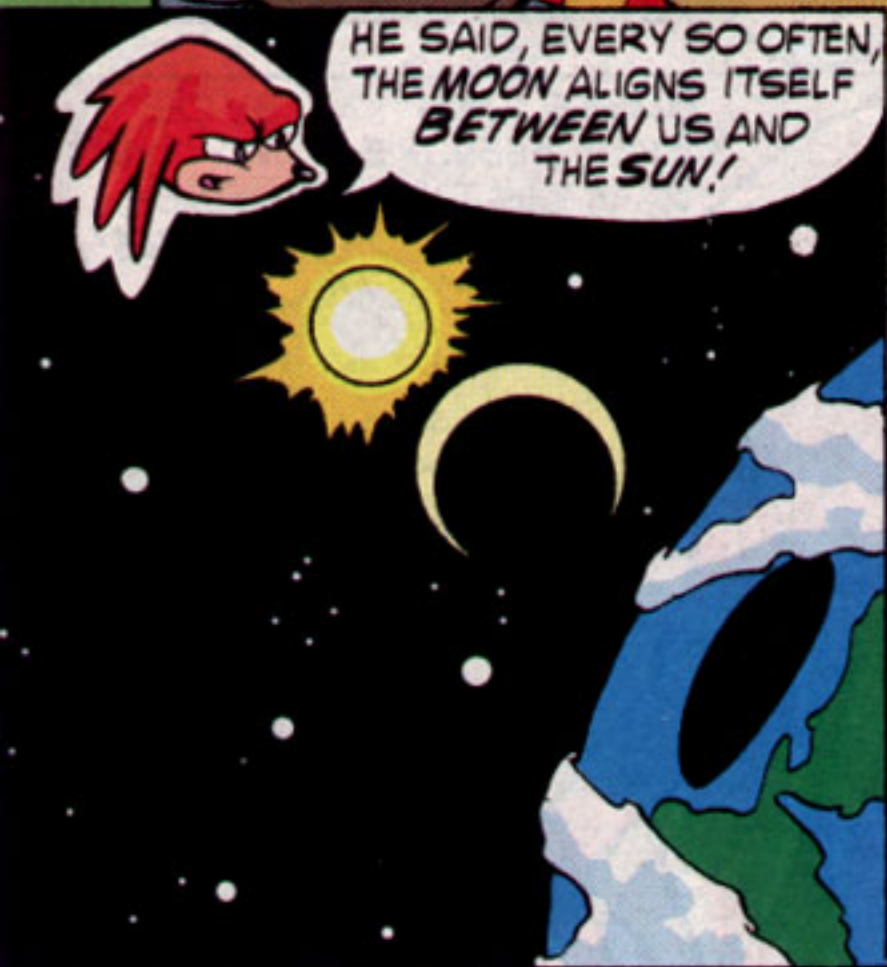
THE WHA...?



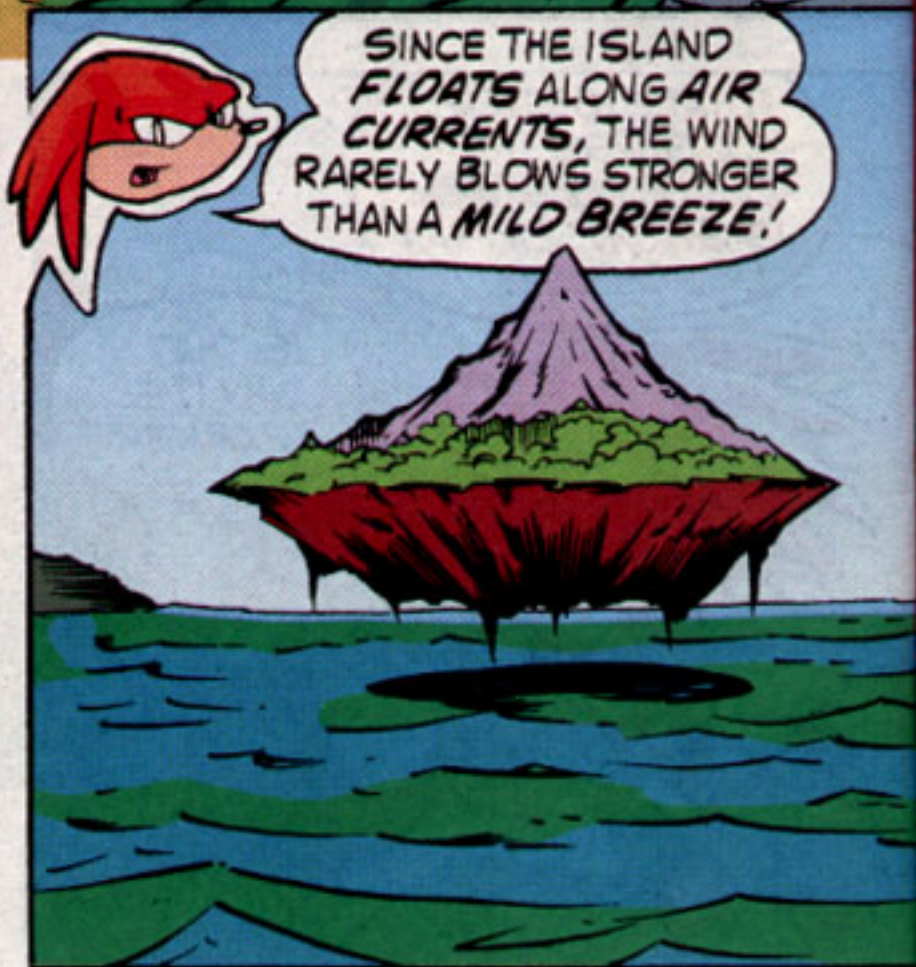
SEE ? LOOK AT THE **SUN** ! IT'S NOW **BLACK** !

NO, IT'S **NOT** ! IT'S JUST AN **ILLUSION** --

--AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT MY **DAD** TOLD ME !



HE SAID, EVERY SO OFTEN, THE **MOON** ALIGNS ITSELF **BETWEEN** US AND THE **SUN** !



SINCE THE ISLAND **FLOATS** ALONG **AIR CURRENTS**, THE WIND RARELY BLOWS STRONGER THAN A **MILD BREEZE** !



BUT LATELY, THINGS HAVE BEEN **CHANGING** !

REALLY ?

YEAH ! IN FACT -- **HOLD IT !** THAT **SOUND** !

THUD !
THUD !
THUD !



LET'S GET TO **SAFETY** ! IT'S A **THUNDERING** HERD OF **DINGOES** !

